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Math professor indicted for alleged war crimes, murder

BY MICHAEL J. SCHOBEL
FLAT HAT NEWS EDITOR

A Spanish judge issued an international arrest warrant Wednesday for three U.S. soldiers, including Lieutenant Colonel Philip deCamp, an adjunct professor of mathematics at the College. The soldiers are being charged with “murder” and “a crime against the international community” relating to their roles in the death of a Spanish cameraman during a 2003 assault on a hotel housing journalists, the Oct. 19 online edition of CNN reported.

According to a May 27, 2003 report by the Committee to Protect Journalists, José Couso, a cameraman for Spain’s Telecinco television network, and Reuters cameraman Taras Protsyuk of Ukraine were killed the morning of April 8, 2003. An M1A1 Abrams tank fired a shell into the hotel where they were staying during intense street fighting in Baghdad. DeCamp was commanding the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, which was leading the charge into the city center. His forces were searching for an Iraqi “spotter” who was observing the battle and directing the Iraqi forces via radio. According to accounts cited in the CPJ

from journalists monitoring U.S. radio transmissions, an unidentified tank officer witnessed an individual using binoculars from the Hotel Palestine. At some point over the next 10 minutes, Captain Philip Wolford, the highest ranking officer on the scene and one of deCamp’s subordinates, issued a command to fire.

The Hotel Palestine housed approximately 100 international journalists at the time of the assault. According to the CPJ article, Pentagon officials were aware that journalists were staying at the hotel and intended to avoid it. The CPJ article alleges that this order was not well communicated to all forces on the ground.

The tank fired a high explosive round into the 15th-floor balcony of the hotel, according to Associated Press reporter Chris Tomlinson. This type of round is not intended to destroy buildings and caused far less damage than an armor-piercing round.

DeCamp, Wolford’s commanding officer, reacted to the strike immediately.

“Who just shot the Palestinian [sic] Hotel?” deCamp asked over his radio, Tomlinson reported. “Did you just fucking shoot the Palestinian Hotel?”

The strike quickly became an international incident. When questioned about the events surrounding the strike, Brigadier General Vincent Brooks of U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar, said that coalition forces in the vicinity of the hotel had been fired upon from the building and were simply returning fire. Several journalists who were present during the strike deny this charge, the CPJ reported.

Judge Santiago Pedraz’s warrant accuses the United States of failing to provide judicial cooperation. According to the Oct. 20 online edition of The Washington Times, Pedraz sent requests to the United States government in April 2004 and June 2005 to have the soldiers involved in the strike provide statements or be interviewed by a Spanish delegation. Neither request was answered.

The charges are unlikely to have any real consequences because the U.S. government does not extradite its soldiers, CNN reported.

“The chances of their being extradited are zero,” government professor Katherine Rahman said. “I think this is more about politics than it is about law.”

A prosecutor at Spain’s national court has challenged the warrant,

charging that Pedraz has no jurisdiction, the Oct. 20 online edition of the San Jose Mercury reported.

DeCamp is currently teaching a graduate-level course in advanced regression techniques. Dean of Faculty Carl Strikwerda said that there was no reason the charges should affect deCamp’s employment at the College.

“It’s a very unusual situation,” Strikwerda said. “[But] it’s a legal issue between the United States government and the government of Spain ... and at this point it really doesn’t affect anything to do with his teaching.”

Last year deCamp was also in charge of the ROTC program at the College and Christopher Newport University as the battalion commander. Current cadets commented on deCamp, but declined to be identified for fear of disciplinary action by the U.S. Army.

“He’s real energetic ... everyone jokes about that,” a cadet said. “He cares about his troops; he’s a leader.”

Another student characterized deCamp as one of the smartest individuals he had ever met.

As press time, deCamp was unavailable for comment.



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Professor Phillip deCamp led the College’s ROTC program last year.

O’Connor to replace Kissinger as Chancellor

BY MEERA FICKLING
THE FLAT HAT

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who announced her retirement from the nation’s highest court in July, was announced as the College’s 23rd chancellor in an e-mail from College President Gene Nichol Oct. 4, effective immediately. O’Connor replaced former Chancellor Henry Kissinger.

“Justice O’Connor will add much to William and Mary’s tradition of exceptional Chancellors,” Nichol wrote in the e-mail. “It is remarkably heartening that Justice O’Connor — one of the most influential jurists in American history, and one of my personal heroes — looks forward to joining us in the cause of the College.”

According to Assistant to the President Michael J. Fox, the chancellor is “one of the most prominent and public faces of the college.”

Chancellors build an audience for Charter Day and commencement by serving in the ceremonies.

According to Vice President for Public Affairs Bill Walker, the chancellor meets with students and faculty relatively rarely, but the chancellor’s visits can be “a life-changing event” for students.

Former chancellors Kissinger and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were heavily involved in private fundraising. Thatcher also addressed the Virginia General Assembly on behalf of the College, and Kissinger worked to create international opportunities for students.

Before the Revolutionary War, chancellors served as liaisons between the College and the British crown, advocating on behalf of the university. The chancellor was higher in status than the president and was consulted on all major policy issues, while the president managed day-to-day affairs. Since the main function of the chancellor was the link to the British king, the revolution raised questions as to

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Newly-named Chancellor Sandra Day O’Connor

CUE THE LIGHTS



ALEX HAGLUND • THE FLAT HAT

Construction workers have been busy all week installing the new lights at Zable Stadium. Made possible by a \$650,000 anonymous donation, the construction should be completed next week. The athletic department plans to inaugurate the lights at the Nov. 5 game against James Madison University.

Virginia21 hosts debate

*Gubernatorial candidates
debate higher education
issues at taped forum*

BY ERICA PARKER
THE FLAT HAT

Virginia21, an information and advocacy group for 18 to 24 year olds, sponsored a virtual debate Monday at the College between three candidates running for governor of Virginia. The gubernatorial election, one of only two in the nation this year, takes place Nov. 8. The primary goal of the virtual debate was to highlight the candidate’s higher education policies. The debate was originally held at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and the video was rebroadcast in Andrews Hall.

During the forum, the three candidates, Democrat Lieutenant Governor Tim Kaine, Republican former Attorney General Jerry Kilgore and Virginia State Senator Russ Potts, a Republican running as an independent, introduced their plans for higher education and answered policy questions from panelists. The questions addressed everything from tuition increases to affirmative action policy.

In their opening statements, the candidates outlined their general vision for the future of Virginia’s colleges and universities.

“The progress of government and all else depends upon the broadest possible diffusion of knowledge among the general population,” Kaine said quoting from Jefferson’s book, “Notes on the State of Virginia.”

Kaine added that the availability of higher education has a great impact on the local economy’s vitality, citing the economic resurgence VCU has brought to Richmond. He stressed the importance of the government meeting its current financial obligations to higher education as determined by the General Assembly’s funding formula.

Kilgore’s opening statement began with a personal touch when he told the audience that he was the first

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SA repeals water gun ban after student poll

BY HEATHER KEELON
THE FLAT HAT

The Student Assembly Senate meeting was sprinkled with laughter Tuesday night as sophomore Sens. Joe Luppino-Esposito and Shariff Tanious propositioned for their bill, The Aquatic Weapon Ban Repeal Act. Although the tone of the debate was light, the senators said they recognized that this bill reflects the opinion of the student body and only voted for the bill after careful deliberation, passing it 12-3-5.

Last semester, during the March 2005 SA election, a question appeared on the ballot asking if the ban on aquatic and toy weapons should be lifted. The majority

of students, 67 percent, said yes. However, it was not clear that the senate would pass a repeal. A similar piece of legislation was brought before the senate body during the last school year and was voted down. According to Luppino-Esposito, the argument was that aquatic weapons were still dangerous.”

Luppino-Esposito and Tanious said they attempted to overcome that concern this time.

“It’s been revised as an opinion bill instead of an actual act,” Luppino-Esposito said. “It doesn’t have to be signed by Scofield, and if the senate decides to do it, Shariff and I will take the initiative. It’s a nonbinding resolution.”

Changing the wording and making

the bill an opinion contributed to the bill’s passage. An opinion, unlike an act, does not require action on the part of the legislative branch. It does, however, state that those attempting to remove the ban on aquatic weapons have the support of their elected officials.

“I think the real point of this bill is to reflect the opinion of the students,” Tanious said to the senate. “This is going forward so that when we go to Campus Police with this, we have the backing of the senate.”

Although the bill was greeted with much enthusiasm, several issues were brought up, including the likelihood of acceptance by the Campus Police.

“[Ownership of a water gun was]

something I could do when I was five years old, but can’t now,” freshman Sen. Matt Beato said. I just think that’s ridiculous.” He added that it was questionable whether campus authorities would “allow something resembling a gun on campus.”

Luppino-Esposito replied that, although there is no guarantee of acceptance, the bill tries to accommodate the issue as much as possible by defining what is considered an aquatic weapon as a toy. Institutions such as the National Safety Council, the American National Standards Institute and the American Society for Testing and Materials all set

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“We are the people our parents warned us about.”

JIMMY BUFFETT
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Local theater group stage “Don’t Dance Me Outside,” a comic play about married life, at the Kimball Theater.

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Fall TV line-ups are a mixed bag of mainly mediocre new shows and some returning favorites.

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Pro-life equals anti-abortion. Unfortunately, like most things in life, it isn't nearly that simple. There is a lot more to pro-life than simply being anti-abortion.

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After clobbering No. 1 New Hampshire 42-10, football trounced Northeastern in double overtime.

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Beyond the 'Burg

♦ SET OF GENES WITH POTENTIAL TO PROLONG LIFE DISCOVERED

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — A collaboration between researchers at University of California-Davis and Harvard University resulted in the discovery of a set of genes that contain the potential to increase lifespan.

Su-Ju Lin, professor of microbiology for the Center of Genetics and Development, is the primary investigator for the study at UC-Davis. For this research, Lin focused on longevity regulation and used yeast as a model system to identify new genes.

The main focus of Lin's research — a gene referred to as Sir2 — is now known to reduce caloric intake in tested species, a trait that has been shown to increase the lifespan of an organism.

But specimens lacking Sir2 are still able to live longer than average due to a different gene, called Hst2, which prolongs lifespan when over-expressed.

When both these genes are not present in an organism's DNA, a third gene, Hst1, kicks in to maximize the benefits of caloric restriction. This triplet of genes plays complementary roles in promoting caloric restriction and prolonging the onset of the effects of aging.

In yeast, signs of aging appear when certain DNA molecules get accidentally copied from a specific type of repeated DNA sequences, causing a buildup of similar genes, which is toxic.

This buildup, according to Lin, is permanently housed in the mother cell, thereby causing the risks of aging to compound with each generation. Though this characteristic has not yet been identified in more advanced organisms, similar processes come into play and the Sir2 research sheds more light on the issue.

According to Lin, although mammals are not used in the research, perhaps the findings can be applied in some way to projects at the UC-Davis Cancer Center and other pathological research projects.

“By understanding metabolic mechanisms of longevity regulation, we can provide insight to metabolic diseases associated with aging, such as diabetes,” Lin said. “The center is different from other facilities and very open-minded.” ...

— By Tanya Shah-Ganai and Peter Hamilton, The California Aggie (University of California — Davis)

— compiled by austin wright

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday



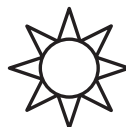
High 69°
Low 59°

Saturday



High 72°
Low 51°

Sunday



High 68°
Low 47°

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POLICE BEAT



Tuesday, Oct. 11 — A student reported \$50 in vandalism damages at Yates Hall. **1**

Friday, Oct. 14 — A student was referred to administration for alleged underage possession of alcohol at Lodge 14. **2**

— Larceny of a student's cash and camera, with a total value of \$290, was allegedly committed at Dinwiddie Hall. **3**

— Larceny of a bike worth \$600 allegedly occurred at the Reves Center. **4**

Saturday, Oct. 15 — A medical rescue occurred at Lake Matoaka after a student reportedly cut her leg with a sword, which was part of a costume. **5**

Sunday, Oct. 16 — A student was arrested at Dupont Hall for allegedly being drunk in public. **6**

— Larceny of a bicycle worth \$150 was allegedly committed at Monroe Hall. **7**

Monday, Oct. 17 — Larceny of a student's camera worth \$250 was allegedly committed at Dinwiddie Hall. **3**

Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Larceny of a student's bicycle worth \$25 was allegedly committed at Small Hall. **8**

Wednesday, Oct. 19 — Larceny of a student's laptop worth \$500 was allegedly committed at Swem Library. **9**

— Larceny of a student's guitar worth \$100 was allegedly committed at Theta Delta Chi. **10**

— Vandalism was committed at Gooch Hall. Shaving cream was in the halls, requiring a cleanup cost of \$50. **11**

— compiled by austin wright

STREET BEAT :

What is your favorite part of Homecoming and why?



The tailgate and the fact that everybody is outside and hanging out ... and the alums come back.

♦ Allison Muth, senior



I get to walk a dog in the parade for SOAP.

♦ Rachel Olcheski, freshman



There is so much tradition and so many things to do.

♦ Liz Fein, junior



Having everybody come out to the football game that might not normally come out.

♦ Shariff Tanious, sophomore

— photos and interviews by lizzy spencer

To raise money, College sells naming rights to buildings

By James Damon
The Flat Hat

Those wishing to name the new dormitory on Barksdale field may be in luck. The naming of facilities at the College in exchange for large gifts of money represents an important component of the recent campaign to improve and expand upon facilities on campus.

Susan Pettyjohn, interim vice president of university development, helps oversee the naming process. Both old and new structures are available for naming in exchange for a predetermined price.

“We compile information based on structures at similar academic institutions and the cost required to complete the project,” Pettyjohn said.

These prices are publicized to prospective donors through newsletters, personal contacts made by the development office and the campaign’s website. Facilities are generally named after their donors.

“Some people want that kind of recognition,” Pettyjohn said, but “donors do not always name facilities after themselves.” All names provided require approval by the Board of Visitors.

According to Pettyjohn, the arena at William and Mary Hall is in the process of being officially named in exchange for one donor’s five million dollar gift.

The price of facilities still available for naming is posted on the Campaign for William and Mary’s website. The University Center can be named for a gift of \$15 million, and for \$25 million donors have the opportunity to name William and Mary Hall. The new dormitory on Barksdale field is also up for naming in exchange for a minimum gift of \$12 million.

“It feels kind of like they’re selling out. But at the same time, it sounds like a good way to raise money for the College,” sophomore Alex Danvers said.

“I wouldn’t mind if we had a building named after someone if it meant we could have something like an additional computer lab, something tangible.”

Junior Jesse Isbell disagreed with the policy.

“I feel like they’re buying a college. You should probably do more than buy a building in order to have it named. You should found a college.”

The naming of facilities in exchange for gifts is a common practice in public and private universities.

“It’s how institutions public and private go about creating new facilities,” Alumni Relations Executive Director Cynthia Gelhard said.

The campaign for William and Mary plans to collect \$500 million by 2007 in order to improve and expand the College and its facilities. The campaign was started due to a lack of state assistance, which now contributes less than 20 percent of the College’s annual budget. The campaign has received \$410 million as of press time as a result of such gifts.

Buildings, facilities, additions and renovations will be allotted \$91.75 million of the campaign’s total funds. Some funds will soon be allocated to the construction of the Integrated Sciences center, to be completed over the next 10 years. The wing of the sciences center that will replace Millington Hall, which will be demolished in 2012, is yet to be named.

“Millington Hall is not really sustainable anymore,” Carl Strikwerda, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences and overseer of the expansion of science facilities said. He added that problems with the roof and the power, as well as with unsustainable growth in the sciences school were major reasons for the expansion.

“We don’t have enough state funding and we don’t want to raise tuition and fees, so we rely on private donations,” Strickwerda said. “The price tag is there whether we put a name on it or not.”

REPEALS

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regulations on toy weapons, with which the bill complies. These regulations allow the use of “Super Soaker” brand or other pressure-powered water guns. They also include water balloons.

Freshman Sen. Stephanie Glass said she was worried about the possibility of using aquatic weapons as a form of harassment.

“I feel like, yes, it’s all in good fun to have them,” Glass said, “but is it free reign?”

Luppino-Esposito said he agreed and added that regulations should be put into the bill.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Constantine was also present at the meeting. He recommended taking the issue to Dean of Students Patricia Volp as opposed to the Campus Police.

Also debated at the meeting was

the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Under current legislation, the Office of Student Activities has little control over reserve money for emergencies and can only tap into funds when the senate is in session, which is impossible during the summer.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act will allow the Office of Student Activities to remove funds from the Consolidated Reserve less than \$250 per allocation and less than \$1,000 per month without senate approval while the body is in session. During the summer, the Office of Student Activities must receive the approval of the SA president. The office is also required to notify the SA president within three days when funds under \$250 are removed.

Junior Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, who presented the bill, said that the Activities Office come before the senate for all fund requests.

“The main thing our office is looking for is flexibility to make decisions quickly,” Constantine

said. “The senate is not always fast enough.”

He said that such a mandate is needed for “emergency purposes or things we consider important at the time.” He added that a quick response to financial matters would benefit the student body.

Sen. Beth Burgin from the Student Bar Association said that although she trusted Constantine, she worried about others who could obtain some of these funds.

Senate Chair senior Luther Lowe also supported the need for a safeguard, though he said he believed the bill could still pass.

“This money is to, for and by the students. I think we can put safeguards in place ... without putting too much power in one person’s hands,” he said.

The senate also reviewed the finance report, passed the Review Board Amendment, discussed the Timelines Bylaw and voted Patrick Vora onto the Review Board.

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college graduate in his family.

“My commitment is to make sure higher education remains affordable and accessible for first generation college students just like me,” he said.

Kilgore said he plans to make education widely available by complying with the previously mentioned base adequacy funding guidelines and increasing Virginia Tuition Assistance Grants from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

“When you benefit from an opportunity,” he said, “it’s your responsibility to bring that opportunity to someone else.”

In his opening remarks, Potts alluded to his experience as the Virginia Senate’s education and health committee chairman, saying that he has “the stuff of leaders.”

He stressed that the solution to the higher education funding gap was protecting the state’s general fund, which would lead to sounder economics in all arenas.

A hot topic in Virginia education policy is professor recruitment and retention. Each candidate was asked

how he would compete with out-of-state universities for the most talented professors.

Kaine mentioned honoring professors for their service and then proceeded to what he said was most critical.

“We speak our priorities by our willingness to invest,” Kaine said. General investment in higher education, he said, would show scholars that Virginia is committed to their interests.

Kilgore spoke of fostering greater research opportunities on college campuses and providing incentives for businesses to conduct their research in a university setting. Alluding to the recently proposed Higher Education Restructuring Initiative, Kilgore said Virginia needs to “loosen the chains around our colleges and universities” and let them determine professor salaries independently. He said his objective would be to exceed the national average in teacher pay.

Potts said he would promote packages to attract new professors to Virginia, but said he is most interested in keeping the professors already teaching in Virginia in order to maintain current teacher-student relationships.

“A university is not just bricks and mortar,” Potts said. “A university is the students and a great teacher.”

they appointed George Washington, who had a surveying license from the College, to the post.

The remaining history of the chancellorship is less clear — there was no known chancellor between when Washington served and 1859, when the Board appointed

John Tyler to the position. Several relatively little-known people succeeded him.

In 1986, the Board appointed former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren E. Burger to the position. The next two chancellors were Thatcher and Kissinger.

CHANCELLOR

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whether the post should be kept, but the Board of Visitors wished to keep the organization of the College as much the same as possible. In 1788,

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W&M Hall

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and have fun!

Under the MICROSCOPE

◆ BIRD FLU POSES POTENTIAL HEALTH RISK AS NEW CASES ARISE

By **BECKY EASLEY**
THE FLAT HAT

According to a Sept. 15 ABC News article, “it could kill a billion people worldwide, make ghost towns out of parts of major cities and there is not enough medicine to fight it.” ABC News was referring to the avian flu virus. While the flu is not currently a threat in the United States and probably will not make ghost towns out of major cities, it has the potential to cause major medical problems.

The avian flu is a disease caused by the type A strain of the influenza virus. Some birds, such as wild ducks, are natural reservoirs for the disease. However, in other birds it causes serious medical problems, the World Health Organization reported Jan. 15. According to ABC News, symptoms of the avian flu can vary in birds, but most deaths result from pneumonia.

There are many different strains of avian flu that vary depending on proteins expressed on the surface of the virus. According to an October Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, the two major proteins on the influenza A virus are hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA).

There are 16 different HA subtypes and nine different NA subtypes, making it possible to have multiple forms of the virus because the protein subtypes can exist in combination. Only four types of avian flu are known to affect humans: H1N1, H1N2, H3N2 and the current form, H5N1. The H5N1 strain was first identified in 1997 in Hong Kong where 18 people were hospitalized, six of whom died from the flu. According to an Oct. 15 report on National Public Radio, humans are only infected by direct contact with infected birds.


The CDC said that the virus can exist in a bird’s saliva, nasal secretions and feces. According to an Oct. 15 BBC report, the feces from an infected bird may dry, and if pulverized, become airborne. Symptoms in humans are similar to those in birds and can range from flu-like to pneumonia and are potentially deadly.

The avian flu is currently found throughout Europe and Asia, with the most recent occur-

rences in Turkey and Romania, the CDC reported. While the flu is not present in all areas of Europe, the BBC said that many are fearful that it will spread to the rest of the continent. Because many of the infected birds migrate around the world, the H5N1 strain is quickly becoming a pandemic. The WHO is currently on a phase three pandemic alert, meaning the virus is new to humans and causes infections but transmission from one person to another is not likely.

According to the BBC, precautions such as making sure wild fowl do not contaminate poultry houses can prevent spread of the virus. Reports of human cases of H5N1 have been reported in Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia. In these countries, 116 humans have been infected and 60 have died. ABC News said that the H5N1 strain kills approximately 55 percent of those it infects. While the disease is threatening, it does not appear to be easily passed on from human to human.

An effective vaccine for the virus does not exist yet. However, an antiviral drug called Tamiflu is available in the United Kingdom and has been shown to limit symptoms and slow transmission of the flu. Vaccine prototypes are being produced around the world. According to an Oct. 6 CNN report, the disease has caught the attention of President George W. Bush, who recently asked Congress for the power to use military law if the disease comes to the United States.



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Scientists in Vietnam test a new vaccination for the avian flu, which scientitis fear may become a threat.

World Beat: Iraq Hussein trial postponed

By **WILLIAM ANGLE**
THE FLAT HAT

Saddam Hussein’s trial opened Wednesday at a courtroom in Baghdad’s heavily fortified Green Zone. He, along with seven other officials from his government, is accused of torturing and killing 148 Shiite men from the town of Dujail in 1982. If convicted of these charges, they could face execution by hanging. All eight pled not guilty to the charges.

Although the proceedings were televised, the broadcast was disrupted by significant technical difficulties. Witnesses scheduled to testify against Hussein failed to arrive. Hussein’s attorneys asked for more time to prepare a defense, and the trial then adjourned until Nov. 28.

Hussein was notably uncooperative during the trial. He refused to state his name for the record, prompting the presiding judge, Rizgur Mohammad Amin, to say “You are Saddam Hussein al-Majid, former president of Iraq, born 1937,” when he refused to answer.

Five judges are presiding over the trial; with the exception of Mr. Amin, they have neither appeared on camera nor been publicly identified. Most of the prosecuting attorneys remain anonymous, with the notable exception of the lead prosecutor, Jabbar al-Musawi. He was on camera for a large por-

tion of Wednesday’s trial, reading the charges against Hussein and the circumstances that prompted them. Iraq’s transitional government hopes that the heightened security will help to prevent violence against those involved in the trial.

At least one person connected with the trial has already been abducted. The Oct. 20 online edition of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that 10 masked gunmen kidnapped Saadoun Sughaiyer al-Janabi, a defense lawyer, from his office yesterday. His client, Awad Hamed al-Bandar, allegedly

led the Revolutionary Court that sentenced many of the Dujail residents to death.

Wadah Ismael al-Sheik, a former Iraqi intelligence official, is suffering from cancer and will give an early deposition Sunday due to concerns about his health. He is currently in coalition custody.

When the trial resumes in November, it is certain to generate more media interest. Hussein’s defense team is growing and now includes a number of prominent British lawyers. The Oct. 20 online edition of the BBC, which is following the trial closely, reported Wednesday that much of the defense will focus on challenges to the court’s legitimacy and ability to apply international law.

Opinions on the trial are mixed, both in the Iraq and the rest of the

Middle East. When BBC News correspondents interviewed people in Jordan; some sympathized with Hussein, while others expressed dislike for Hussein and dissatisfaction with the trial. In Iraq, people were sharply divided on the trial; some considered it a farce, while others considered it the first step toward needed justice and healing in the country. Many in the affected town of Dujail, where some were relatives of the victims or among those detained and later pardoned by Hussein, were extremely bitter.

“Since the fall of the regime,

SITUATION:

Deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein appeared before an Iraqi court Wednesday, where he was charged with torturing and killing 148 Shiite men in an Iraqi town in 1982. Hussein was described as uncooperative during the trial, refusing to comply with the judges on procedural issues. One of the lawyers on the defense, representing Awad Hamed al-Bandar, who allegedly wrongfully sentenced many Iraqis to death, was reportedly kidnapped by masked gunmen. Media attention of the trial, which adjourned until Nov. 28, is expected to remain high. Hussein is perhaps more well known for the killings of thousands of Kurds that occurred in 1988.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Ask not ...

Last year on this auspicious weekend, The Flat Hat’s editorial board took the opportunity to address the alumni returning to the College for Homecoming. Because our school still faces the same financial worries, The Flat Hat unfortunately must make the same appeal as in previous years. What it is obviously important to remember, however, is that alumni assistance can take many forms; donations of cash, while extremely beneficial, are but one method of aiding one’s alma mater.

Alumni are most welcome, of course, but it is imperative that they take at least a few moments to consider the current needs of the school. One of the most pressing issues students face, obviously, is the difficulty of finding jobs that are well-suited to them and their employers. There are a myriad of ways that alumni can extend opportunities to students, including externships and internships, direct advising, job-hunting tips and shadowing programs. Personnel at the Alumni Center or the Career Center should be able to assist those generous alumni who are willing to throw a little advice the students’ way. A tiny investment of time on the part of experienced professionals among our graduates could pay huge dividends to students who are facing the dizzying task of entering the real world.

Of course, in terms of time or geography, many of our alumni may not have the opportunity to assist in the on-campus workshops and other events that are held for graduating students. Financial donations, then, make for a flexible form of assistance that has the same virtue as water on pavement. As alumni, you are not a money-tree, however; making donations to the College is a most generous and noble act.

While The Flat Hat does not discourage limiting one’s donation to a specific area of need, we have observed that the College often accepts many gifts earmarked for one project or another, while at the same time far more needy portions of the College suffer budget cuts and serious long-term setbacks. Simply for the sake of convenience, and because the hard-earned money of our alumni should be utilized effectively, donations would be best for multiple or open-ended purposes.

In terms of what is most beneficial to students, faculty salaries rank near the top of financial priorities. While a general donation to faculty might get lost in a large budgetary calculus, sponsoring a faculty position within an academic department is an excellent way to ensure that your gift makes a substantial, specific improvement. The College is also currently undergoing an unprecedented level of new construction, so money donated to a renovation of an old-campus building such as Tucker Hall could gain enormous appreciation among current and future students and staff.

Whatever form donations take, it is always better to inquire about the College’s needs to make an informed and useful contribution. As students and future alumni ourselves, we are grateful for the philanthropic spirit that drives a person to give to his or her former school. When deciding whether the gift should be in the form of time, advice or money, remember that donating itself is a form of public service, something at which graduates of the College excel. Enjoy your time visiting the College, and while you are here, please stop for a moment to consider the many efforts and resources needed to keep our school one of the country’s top academic institutions.

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‘Pro-life’ not just about abortion

Abortion, abortion, abortion, abortion. If you’re a pro-life candidate, you’re against abortion. It’s a simple dogma, right? Pro-life equals anti-abortion. Unfortunately, like most things in life, it isn’t nearly that simple. There is a lot more to being pro-life than simply being anti-abortion.

For example, our beautiful, enlightened commonwealth has executed 94 individuals since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. Politicians who support capital punishment tell us that the death penalty is a just punishment and a deterrent to crime. Common sense tells us that it is far more expensive to keep a person in prison for life than to simply execute him.

A little bit of research, however, reveals these statements as blatantly false. The death penalty is more expensive than life in prison and has not been shown to reduce overall crime or murder rates. As a government major, I can tell you this: the reality is that politicians extract political capital from capital punishment. This is the sole justification for supporting capital punishment. It looks good to sign the death warrant for an evil murderer and promote tough death penalty statutes because one is “tough on crime.” “Society is safer, and justice has been served,” the politician will say.

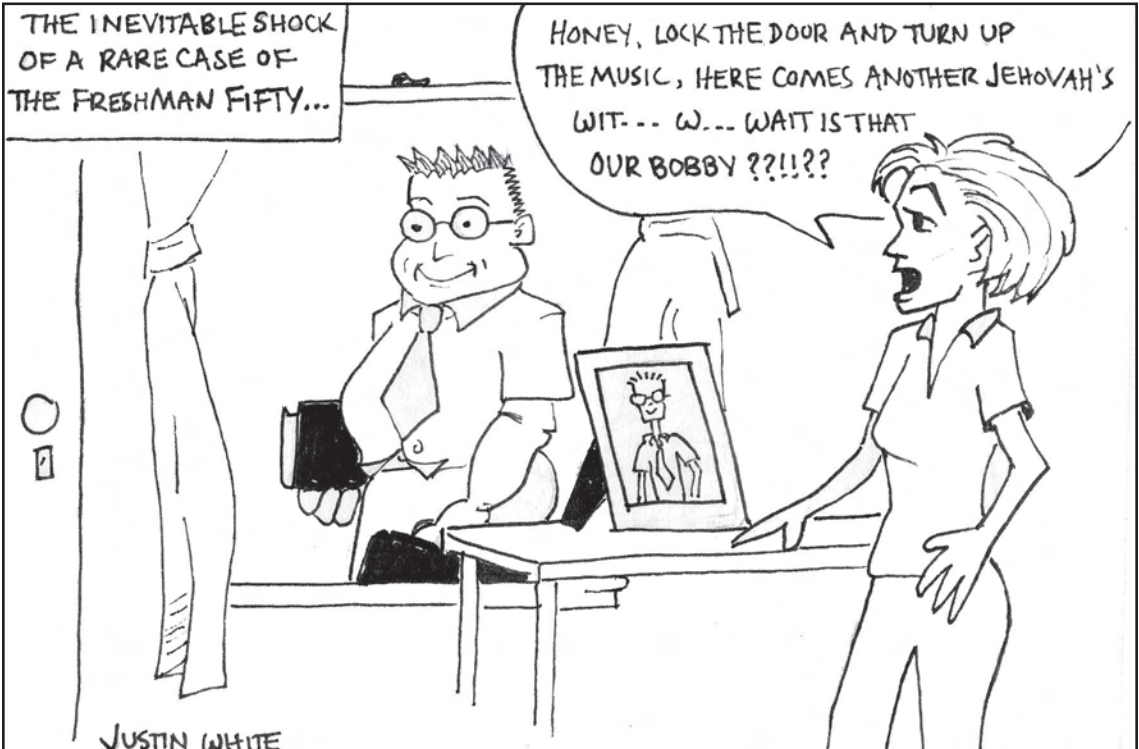
Any person who calls him or herself “pro-life” should be outraged. Politicians are killing people for their own political gain. A pro-life politician would set about abolishing the death penalty and spend the money that is saved thereby on things that do reduce crime. He would put more cops on the streets and enact aggressive gun-control legislation to keep guns, the primary instrument of murder, off the streets. A

glance at the statistics proves that better law enforcement reduces murder and protects the sanctity of human life. Indeed, my home state of New York has not executed anyone since 1962; New York has a lower murder rate than Virginia. One thing that New York does have is aggressive gun-control laws that strive to keep these weapons away from criminals. In addition, the mayors of its largest city, Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg have made crime their number one priority. The simple math tells the whole story: if New York City had a murder rate proportionate to that of Richmond, Va., there would have been almost 3,900 murders last year. At its most dangerous, New York City had about 2,400 murders per year.

In discussing capital punishment and gun-control, I do not mean to suggest that abortion is not a pro-life issue. Using the same pro-life arguments against capital punishment, abortion is an egregious offense against human life. We must remember that when candidates approach us with high-sounding rhetoric saying, “Vote for me, I’m pro-life,” they are usually not entirely pro-life. They say abortion is wrong while being gung-ho about another offense against life, capital punishment. They also sing the praises of the second amendment while ignoring the thousands of victims of gun violence.

As informed citizens, we must ask tough questions of candidates who seek our support with pro-life arguments. Very few, if any, politicians today are truly pro-life. When filling out an absentee ballot or going into the voting booth this fall, keep this in mind. Don’t let slick rhetoric and promises dupe you into voting for someone who claims a certain ideology but really doesn’t follow it.

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Journalism gone awry

After President George W. Bush announced his nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court October 3, America Online subscribers and visitors across the nation were greeted with this headline: “Does He Make Good Choices?: Supreme Court Pick Isn’t a Judge.” Yahoo!’s top story was “Court Nominee Has No Judicial Experience.” By featuring these headlines on their homepages, AOL and Yahoo! single-handedly helped to form the opinions of millions of internet users. AOL has 34 million members and Yahoo! has 345 million users worldwide. On both sites, users had to travel to another page simply to learn the name of the nominee. Since most visitors are only there to access their e-mail or perform a search, these headlines constitute the extent to which millions of people were informed about the U.S. Supreme Court’s newest nominee.

Students of the U.S. government should be immediately suspicious of headlines like these. In fact, most high school students learn that having prior “judicial experience” (i.e., being a judge) isn’t a prerequisite for serving on the Supreme Court. Despite this, AOL, Yahoo! and even “respectable” print newspapers chose to frame Bush’s nominee as an ignoramus on legal matters because she hasn’t served as a judge.

Users who were curious enough to click on the link (or perhaps were enraged enough by Bush’s decision), were presented an article by David Espo, an AP special correspondent, titled “Court Nominee Has No Judicial Experience.” The opening sentence frames the whole article, stating that Bush nominated “a longtime loyalist without experience as a

judge.” The article fails to inform readers just how many Supreme Court members have been nominated without having any judicial experience.

While the choice of headlines by AOL and Yahoo! is blatantly malicious, Espo’s omission of such pertinent information initially appears to be journalistic laziness. If he had searched hard enough, he could have learned that 43 out of our 109 judges had no prior judicial experience. He also could have learned that chief justices are just as likely to come to the court without having previously served as judges. Eight of our 19 chief justices weren’t judges beforehand, and Chief Justice John Roberts had only two years of judicial experience before coming to the bench.

However, the presumption of laziness goes out the window once one reads Bush’s official announcement concerning his nomination of Miers. Bush confirmed that Miers had no prior judicial experience “as did more than 35 other men” who served on the Supreme Court. I believe this information was deliberately omitted by Espo in an attempt to display both Bush and his nominee in a negative light. Wire-services, journalists and media outlets have a responsibility to distribute truthful and comprehensive information, but in both the writing and dissemination of “Court Nominee Has No Judicial Experience,” journalistic integrity was thrown out the window.

While the qualifications of Harriet Miers are certainly up for debate, using “no prior judicial experience” as bounds for disqualification is a direct insult to the recently deceased former Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Even he had never been a judge before honorably serving as the U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice for nearly 20 years.

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Bridging the gap

This past week the College’s chapter of the NAACP, Asian Student Council and Black Empowerment Team hosted a panel called “Bridging the Gap: Being Greek and Being of Color” as part of Minority Advocacy Week. “Bridging the Gap” was primarily an outgrowth of a fall semester initiative led by the NAACP and Filipino-American Student Association intended to improve relations between the Greek community and the greater multicultural community. Within this dialogue, its import comes from evaluating attitudes about each other.

However, its novelty really comes from its euphemistic utility when examining how whites and “non-whites” interact on campus.

Framing the nature of Greek and multicultural relations is demanding. It is challenging to contrast any two complex systems that shape lifestyles, opinions and worldviews. One of the issues that an open forum introduces is how stereotyping sustains biases. On one hand, the multicultural community views Greek life as privileged — wholly embodying racial, cultural, class, sexual and conventional privilege. On the other hand, the Greek community sees multicultural groups as self-segregating and overly sensitive — these students are seen as self-imposing of their own politicized complaints. I can comfortably say that neither characterization is fair.

While the majority Greek system is inherently privileged, this point obscures a range of privilege which might actually exist from individual to individual. Greek members who do not enjoy every privilege offered by the system usually have a distinct point of view about what Greek life means to them. And while multicultural communities struggle to share their unique points of view, they are markedly disadvantaged by being forced to validate themselves to a white audience. It is a difficult, divisive topic that is easy to ignore, so why is this conversation necessary?

Needless to say, students of color should become familiar with the intricate, pervasive majority

Greek system that represents one-third of campus. Similarly, Greeks should be able to relate to one-fifth of campus outside of their typical, life-long experience. There are just so few students who are able to saturate themselves in both worlds. In the end, these gatekeepers are usually conflicted about their own identity. At the College, these students must make the unnatural choice about which life to lead from one situation to the next. However, beyond pressing choices and expectations, it is clear that this inter-dialogue parallels the broader campus discussion on “diversity.”

Using the example of Greek life and multicultural communities, whiteness is taken for granted among whites in Greek social life, and in the same way, multicultural communities can be unnecessarily exclusive. Although these are qualified experiences, they are tangible realities that make a larger point. None of this, for the most part, is intentional. Instead, it’s merely a part of how we live our lives. Still, it’s there. And when we trumpet the number of students of color who are Greek or solely target students of color in our cultural events, we are never substantially talking about “diversity.” What should we do?

We are familiar with strategies that are unsuccessful. For instance, a mutual expectation of goodwill marked by incidental interaction does not work. Proclaiming a sense of entitlement about what you have earned and who should concede ground does not work. Substituting stereotypes (though, sometimes partially true) for informed communication does not work. Simply not caring does not work. Waiting for the issue to work itself out or waiting for some “leader” to work it out for you does not work either. As an alternative, active outreach, which includes personal invitations, fair-minded exchanges and genuine investments, does work. What also works is understanding how you enter this social equation, especially if you are Greek or a member of the multicultural community.

Integration may not be the goal, but communication is a beginning. And certainly, that’s not “Greek” to me.

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Letters to the Editor

Project Gateway hypocritical

To the Editor:

Samantha Wood's Sept. 30 column in The Flat Hat, "Project Gateway ridges financial gap," though no doubt sincere, defends a proposal that is hypocritical. The Flat Hat previously reported that there are approximately 300 students at the College who would qualify for Project Gateway; President Gene Nichol hopes that number will grow to 600 with time. However, we ought to consider the total number of students across the state who are unable to afford college educations, a figure against which Gateway would be but a drop in a large and complicated bucket. Providing a free education to a select group of needy students might seem noble, but it does next to nothing to correct the wider trend of inequality in higher education.

Actually, don't consider the number of needy students in Virginia; consider the number of needy students across the entire country. Only Virginia residents would qualify for Project Gateway. Apparently the College's "public mandate" stops at the state line.

Speaking of state lines, the columnist claims to know what "middle- and upper-class" families can and cannot afford. This is an arrogant claim by itself, but I will forbear from suggesting just how many students she offends by assuming that the status quo allows "more dumb rich kids to go to college." No, her greatest error is ignoring the costs faced by students from beyond Virginia — who, by the way, make up more than one-third of the student body and are subsidizing the educations of their Virginian classmates. How's that for a disadvantaged minority?

I will not go so far as to suggest that Nichol's Gateway plan is a marketing ploy masquerading as social compassion. But giving free rides to a mere 300 students out of the entire needy population is an expensive drop in the bucket.

— William Cline, '06

Fight against cancer needs students' energy

To the Editor:

Approximately 9.8 million Americans alive today have had cancer. How many of them are part of your campus community? How many do you count among your faculty? Your staff? Your student body? And how many are not among these numbers because they did not survive? Every college or university has its cancer story.

I'd like to tell you another cancer story: the story of young people on campuses around the country taking up the cancer cause.

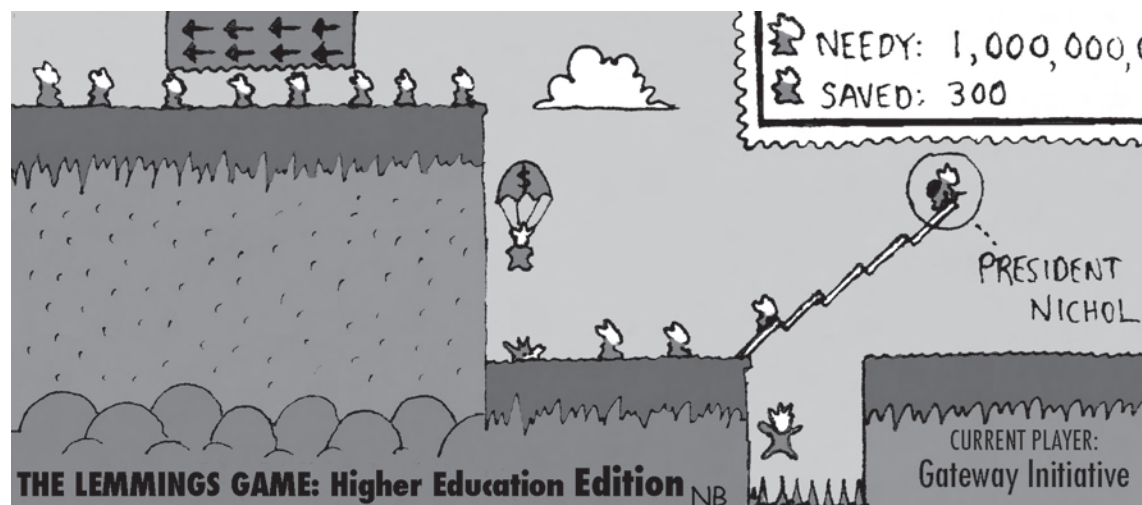
There is every reason to hope for a day when cancer will no longer cause suffering and death. The people who will lead us to that day are the young adults preparing to enter the fields of medicine, science, law and business, and to become the next generation of community leaders, volunteers and parents. With student-led awareness groups and fundraising events taking place across the country, today's college students have begun tackling the cancer issue.

I think the time is right to build on the growing ground swell of student support in the fight against this disease and help young adults reach one another with important health messages. I hope you'll spread the word on your campus and in your student publications this year. Please urge your student leaders and publication editors to shine a spotlight on how your campus community can help — or is helping already — in the fight to save lives.

You know, as I do, what young people have to offer in terms of energy, talent and commitment. If the American Cancer Society can be of any assistance in helping your institution develop or promote its cancer-fighting initiatives, please feel free to call Laura Bellinger at (404) 417-5839 or (800) ACS-2345 to get in touch with the office nearest you.

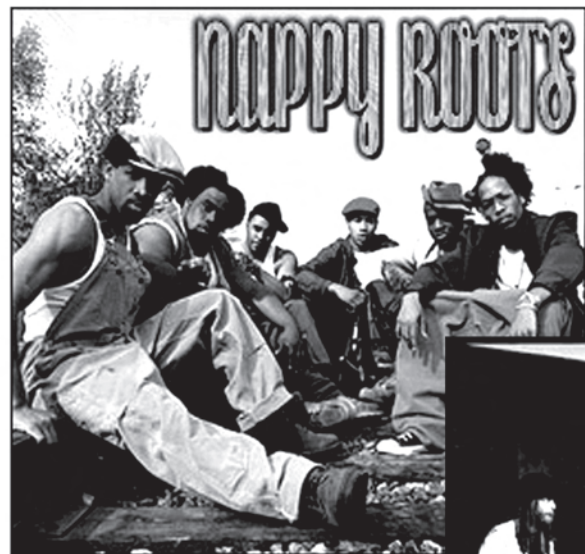
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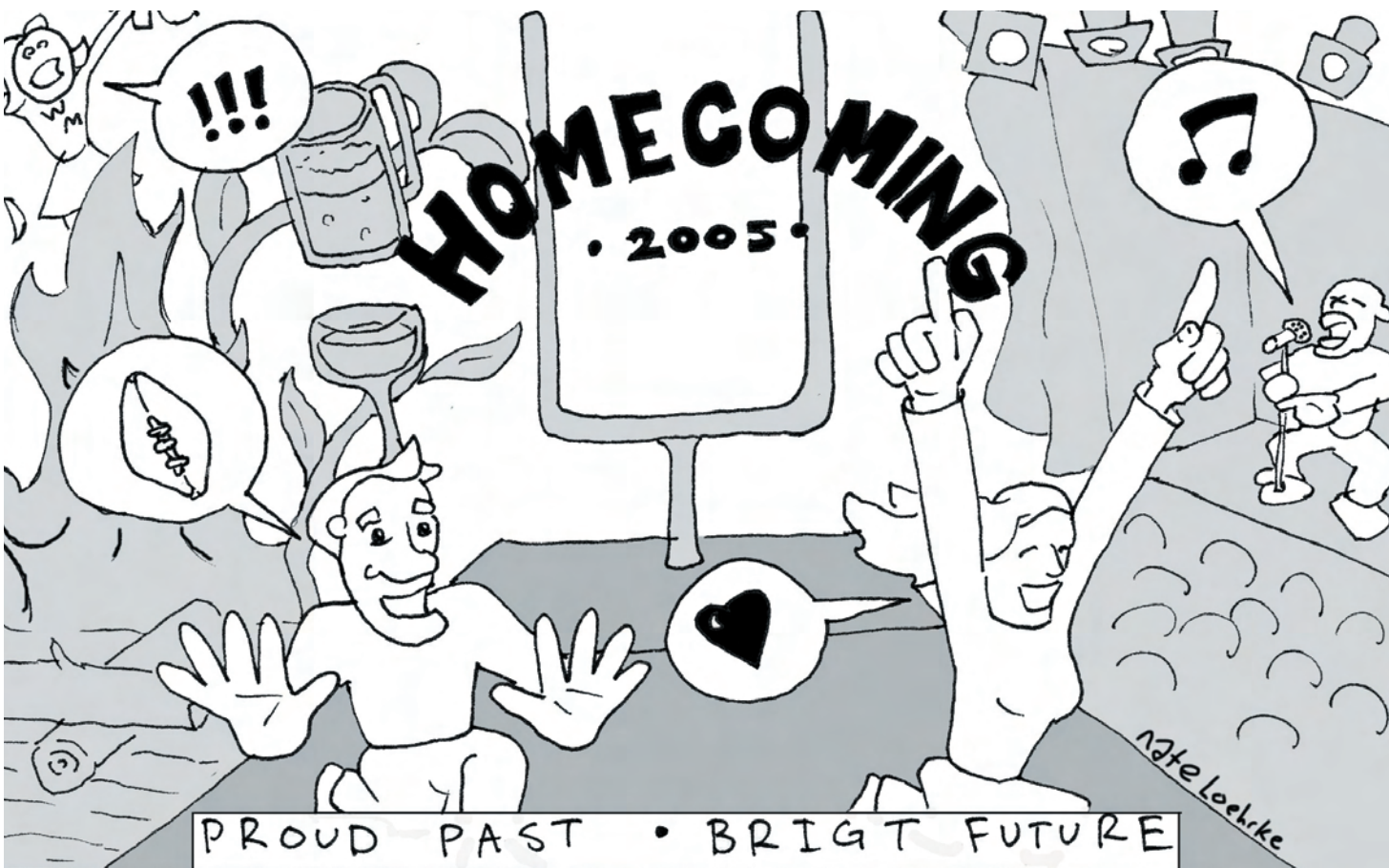
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She's vice president of a sorority, volunteers at a senior citizen center and has travelled all over Europe.
See **THAT GIRL**, page 9.



Homecoming Weekend; celebrating Tribe-style

By ELIZABETH COLE
THE FLAT HAT

Not that every weekend in Williamsburg isn't exhilarating, but students will have much to anticipate this particular weekend. Concerts, tailgates, a pep rally and the arrival of alumni all ring in this year's Homecoming festivities. Whether a current co-ed, proud parent or even prouder alum, there will be plenty of activities to ignite school spirit.

UCAB

The University Center Activities Board's Fridays @ 5 concert series jumpstarts the weekend with a free concert by VHS or Beta, performing on the UC Terrace today at 5 p.m.

"They are one of the premiere acts of this year's concert series," Assistant Director of Student Activities Programming Joe Lowder said.

Not that Lowder's praise needs validation, but Rolling Stone magazine also named VHS or Beta's newest album on its top 10 "must buy" list. The band brings with them a special guest: Benzos.

Students will be doubly delighted with not one but two UCAB concerts this weekend. The homecoming concert in the Sunken Gardens tomorrow night will showcase Nappy Roots and Brazilian Girls at 8 p.m. Come see for free why the Nappy Roots were the highest-grossing rap group of 2002. Students need to show ID for entry. If the weather is uncooperative, the rain location is the Chesapeake Room of the UC.

Undergraduate Council

Can't contain your Tribe Pride until tomorrow? Come to Yates Field at 7 p.m. today for a bonfire and pep rally. Flyers promise music, dancing, costumes and food. Like Sam Sadler said, "We don't get a chance to have a bonfire at WM very often." Enjoy the exception.

Football

Gather at Zable Stadium for the 1 p.m. kickoff time, when Tribe football faces Towson. Students: wear your gold shirts proudly to intimidate the Towson tigers. Tailgates will precede and follow the game.

Cultural happenings

Want to wind down after the game tomorrow? Come to Phi Beta Kappa Hall for DANCEVENT at 8 p.m. The show includes choreography by the College's dance faculty with performances of the Orchesis dance company. A \$5 donation is requested for admission.



Another dance event, Homecoming Greek Stompfest, will be held in the UC Commonwealth at 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

Everybody should put the books aside at least for this weekend, and partake in the Homecoming festivities.

Swap studying for free concerts and football, and celebrate the most spirited weekend of the year.

Student Assembly, Alumni Association

If you're an alum and are also feeling the Tribe Pride, the Alumni Association will be hosting their own alternative to a bonfire — a beer and wine garden. Alumni are encouraged to stop by Clarke Plaza (at the Alumni Center) to relive "Mug Night" and reunite with former classmates. The cost is \$8 and the event will last from 6 to 10 p.m.

The Homecoming float parade will have an early yet spirited start tomorrow at 8 a.m. Sponsored by the Student Assembly and the

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Homecoming Weekend spotlight events

♦ **Annual Homecoming 5K run.** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at WM Hall.

♦ **Float Parade.** Begins at 8 a.m. on DoG Street. Student groups and greek organizations will participate in the event. This year's theme: "Proud Past, Bright Future."

♦ **Tribe game.** Kick-off at 1 p.m. at Zable Stadium. Attend a tailgate beforehand and then watch, alongside friends and alumni, the Tribe play (and defeat) Towson.

♦ **UCAB Homecoming concert.** Starts at 8 p.m. at the Sunken Gardens. Performing bands include Brazilian Girls and Nappy Roots.

♦ **DANCEVENT.** Starts at 8 p.m. in PBK Hall. Looking for something more mellow than a concert? Then this event is just what you need.



COURTESY PHOTO • NAPPY ROOTS

Rap superstars, The Nappy Roots.

Kimball play brings laughter, life lessons



COURTESY PHOTO • PLAYWRIGHTS PREMIER THEATRE

Actors Julian Bailey and Phyllis Wright share passion and romance in "Don't Dance Me Outside," an original Kimball production.

By MAX FISHER
THE FLAT HAT

The Kimball Theatre is featuring "Don't Dance Me Outside," a poignant and heartfelt original play in two acts about rediscovering love late in life, this and next weekend.

Producer and artistic director Robert Ruffin describes it as "a sexy romantic comedy about middle age and marriage." Ruffin worked in New York theatre for 20 years before returning to his homeland of Virginia with his wife to run Playwrights Premier Theatre. Ruffin's Mobjack, Va.-based production company has been active since 2002 after hurricane Floyd delayed a premiere intended for 2001. "Don't Dance Me Outside" is Ruffin's seventh production at the Kimball Theatre in Williamsburg.

Ruffin said award-winner William Borden's script addresses the vast differences between "real passion," as one finds in works like "Romeo and Juliet" and "modern passion, which is watered down and not as true." Borden's two main characters, a pair of star-crossed lovers experiencing "real passion" after a life devoid of it, even go so far as to compare themselves to Tristan and Isolde.

The two central figures of the story, Butch and Ardis, are the only speaking characters. They are both in their 50s and married but are restlessly unhappy with the stagnancy of their lives. Accomplished actors Julian Bailey and Phyllis Wright fill the two roles, respectively. Wright is also a nationally touring comedian, an experience that lends itself well to the comedic nature of the play.

"There's a lot of comedy. It's Neil Simon one-liners," Ruffin said. Seasoned director Peter Moore even created a comic sort of "half-time show" by dressing the stagehands up as chambermaids for the intermission set changes. Moore is well-known for his work on Broadway's "The Lion King."

It's not all fun and games, though, and the dramatic message of the play quickly makes itself known.

"It's a wake-up call about maintaining passion in your life," Ruffin said.

Butch and Ardis' plight is not that they have cheated on their spouses, but that they have lived most of their lives without knowing true romance. Much of the story focuses on how Butch and Ardis react to their realization and what, if anything, they do to change their lives as a result.

Ruffin admits that the play caters primarily to the Kimball's traditional audience: middle-aged (or older) local residents and tourists. But it doesn't have to be that way, and nobody desires student involvement more than Ruffin.

"We sell each student ticket at a loss because that's how important it is to us to reach the student audience," he said. He also defended the ability of "Don't Dance Me Outside" to be relevant for 18- to 25-year-old students.

"It's a way to look at where the road goes before you walk down it. At one point one of the characters says, 'If only I had known it would be like this, if only someone had warned me,' and everyone in the audience seems to agree. Well, here's your chance to learn that life lesson now instead of in middle age," Ruffin said.

The story of the play's scriptwriter William Borden brings the importance of learning this lesson to a new level of urgency. Borden was recently stricken with late-stage prostate cancer and was forced to abandon rehearsals in Williamsburg for a hospital bed in his hometown in Texas. Rather than allow his condition to interfere with "Don't Dance Me Outside," Borden spent every night on the phone with Ruffin and Moore working on the script and brainstorming how to perfect the realization of his script.

"I would be on the phone with [Borden] talking about the script, and I could hear his wife fluffing his hospital bed pillow," Ruffin said. "In the two weeks leading up to the premiere, he defined passion."

Borden's ongoing story serves as a startling reminder to the severe connotations of what he presents as a romantic and light-hearted message: don't let your zeal for life wane as you age, as life is only so long.

"Don't Dance Me Outside" is playing this weekend and next. Shows are tonight, tomorrow, Oct. 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday and Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$24, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students.

CONFUSION CORNER



Lauren Bell

Something has been missing in my life lately. I find myself waking up in the morning with a feeling of emptiness and abandonment. When I look out the window, I see cold gray clouds hanging heavily on the horizon, and I just can't see the point in leaving my room.

Why do I feel this way? Is it the weather? Midterms? Am I the heroine in a bad French movie? No, my friends. It is something much greater: I need a leader. I long ago surrendered my hopes that we would one day have a competent leader for our country, so I scaled it down a bit. A leader here at school would do me just fine.

Rumors abound of the greatness of the College's newest president, Gene R. Nichol. With the warrior's build of a Southern football player, the flowing near-mullet of a rock god and a twinkle in his eye like Dumbledore himself, Gene seems to be just what I, and the College, need.

I often daydream about accidentally running into him on the street, or hailing him from across the Sunken Gardens. I introduce myself, possibly flatter him a little, let him know my feelings about his reign so far. He is impressed by what he would probably call my "pluck," my endearing audacity in accosting him in his own domain. He takes me under his wing. We chat regularly. We go out to the Leaf. I secretly advise him on student policy. All in all, it is a scene blatantly ripped off from Wes Anderson's "Rushmore," but at least I have my leader.

Sadly, this scenario is only fantasy. In real life, I have seen Gene in the flesh on only three (highly memorable) occasions. Once, I was in the ID office while he was having his card made. Another time, I saw him crossing the street as I was leaving the Campus Center. I also managed (oh, happy day!) to catch a glimpse of him at the first home football

game, strolling grandly past the stands, yellow T-shirt flipped nonchalantly over his broad shoulders, secure in the adoration of his fans.

Of course, I never actually talked to him. I lack the ... "cajones," we will say, to approach anyone much grander than a 5-year-old. I am lame, and Gene does not befriend lame people.

In fact, Gene does not seem to befriend many people outside the freshman class. I don't know when freshmen became the coolest kids in school, but they have somehow managed to become the apple of our president's eye. I realize the freshman class is one of the more attractive groups of people at this school and that their frenzied rush of applications helped to make us a "hot" school, but really, Gene? Just freshmen? He sits with them at football games. He teaches one of their seminars. For all I know, he has them over for cookies and milk twice weekly.

As an upperclassman (and as a spoiled jerk), I demand more attention. I want my Gene Nichol.

Maybe President Nichol doesn't think he can break into the upperclassman "scene." We were quite loyal to Timmy J. Having never known the greatness of our wildly-mustachioed former president, the freshmen are a much more viable pool of ready admirers. (Oh, Gene, you are a strategist as well.) However, I think that I speak for many an upperclassman when I say that, although a part of our hearts will always belong to Timmy J., we are ready to welcome someone new. Seriously, Gene, look around at some of the students at this school. We have kids with capes. We have colonials. We have Fratty McFrattersons, and yet the one thing we have never had is an all-out gang war between

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Variety Calendar

Highlights of the week

— compiled by jeff dooley

Muscarelle Portrait

♦ The College’s Muscarelle Museum of Art recently unveiled Titian’s “Portrait of Frederico II Gonzaga, Duke of Mantua.” The museum has received the portrait on loan. The museum is open 12 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

To have an event printed in the Variety Calendar, call x3281 before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Area concerts

♦ If you’re looking for a concert to attend this upcoming week, there are plenty for you to choose from. The Bravery plays at the NorVa in Norfolk tomorrow. Doors open at 8 p.m. VHS or BETA (fresh off their performance on the UC terrace) opens. The Ashlee Simpson concert originally scheduled for Oct. 8 at the NorVa has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. Barefoot opens. There is a Bruce Springsteen concert at the Richmond Coliseum Oct. 24. You might have to have the parental units wire you the money for this one, as tickets are very expensive. The alt-rock band Audioslave performs at the Patriot Center in Fairfax Oct. 26. Doors open at 8 p.m. Social Distortion plays at the NorVA Oct. 27. Doors are at 7 p.m. Mest and the Dead 60’s open. Any of these shows could be the perfect break from another stressful work week at the College.



Hulabaloo

By Nate Loerhke

Horoscopes



Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This new “party hardy” attitude of yours is going to catch up with you. And that Village People tattoo is looking worse and worse by the day.



Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Look, Scorpio, this wasn’t about you, OK? It was just between Sagittarius and me, and then you had to go sticking your little claws into it. Typical.



Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your semester-long quest to become the College’s next mascot has been foiled. Now you know how Colonel Ebirt felt.



Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Sure, a baby cheetah seems like a cute pet to have. But it’s not so cute when it grows up. So let’s just forget about that idea.



Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You will be approached by a gang of snapping, pool-hustling gangsters. Avoid eye contact with them and clear the pool hall.



Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

There could be an explosive culinary experience in your future. Beware of theme nights and stations with short lines.



Aries: March 21 - April 19

Your money laundering scheme may have failed, but that doesn’t mean that the time isn’t right for love. Capricorn may play a role.



Taurus: April 20 - May 20

A surly pizza delivery phone operator will make you wish you had never ordered a pizza in the first place. You’ve been warned.



Gemini: May 21 - June 21

Give yourself a much-needed break and don’t worry about doing any of your work this weekend. I feel a snow day coming on.



Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You will confuse several noises emanating from buildings with the sound of a car screeching to a halt. It happens to the best of us.



Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

Romance is coming your way, Leo. And not just because you share a name with DiCaprio. Although that is a good conversation starter.



Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

That’s a rather seductive pose you’ve got there, Virgo. Let’s not overplay the sex appeal card. Hard-to-get works every time, baby.

..... compiled by jeff dooley

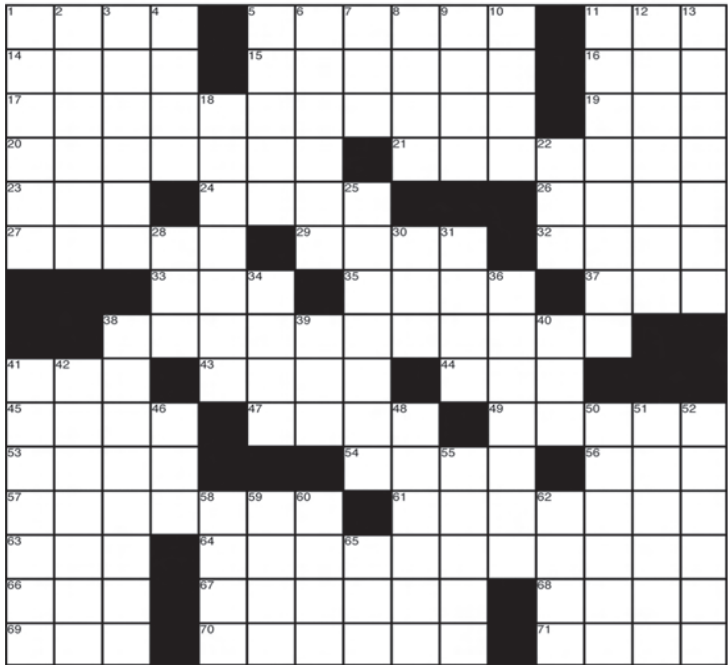
Crossword Puzzle

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- “___ first you...”
- Sgt. of 50’s TV
- Cousin of “Phooey!”
- Emergency CB channel
- Some former dictators, e.g.
- Skating champion Midori
- Some Broadway performances
- Hoedown participant
- Braided
- With indifference
- Crackerjack
- Chi paper, with “The”
- Jeer
- Actress Oberon
- Chunk or clunk
- Slam-dance, 90’sstyle
- Put together, in a way
- ___-Altaic languages
- Nashville inst.
- Winter feature with a hint to today’s puzzle theme
- Bird of legend
- Linguist Chomsky
- Cockney’s abode
- Word on a coin
- Fac. member
- Kitchen gizmo
- When repeated, a vitamin B deficiency
- Alliance since 1949
- Compass dir.
- Football stat
- Betrayed
- Prefix with angular
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- Adaptable truck, for short
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- Superiority
- Surprised comments
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- Guatemala natives

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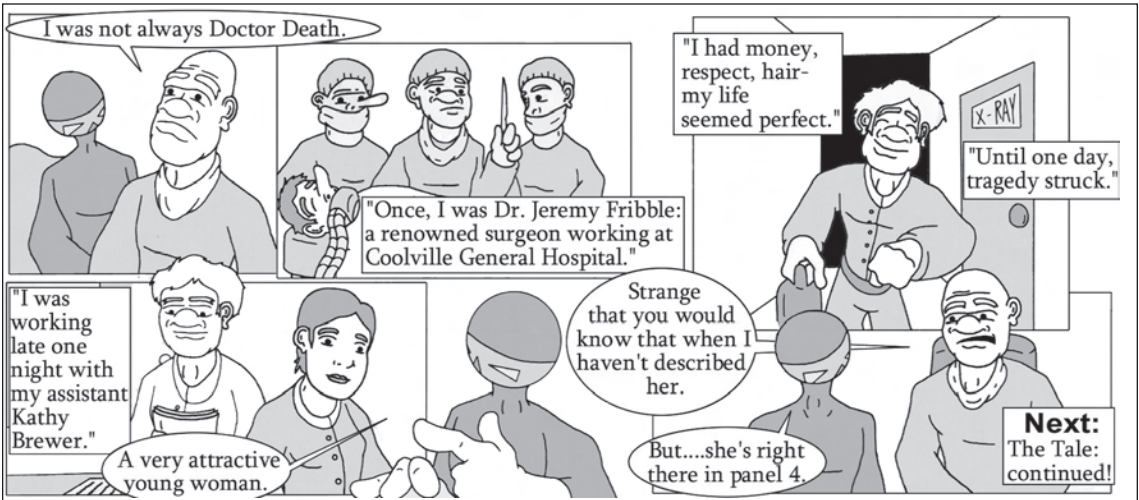
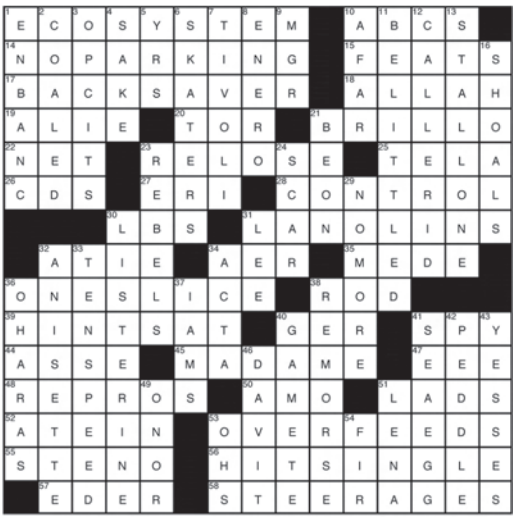
- Fashion line
- Ring bearer?
- Horn
- Puccini melody, e.g.
- 1996 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- Like rust
- German article
- Kind of bag
- It might wind up on a boat
- “That ___ you!”
- Yeti-like creatures
- Puzzled
- Pre-Easter time
- Followed, as an impulse
- Man with a law
- Post-weekend letdown
- ___-di-dah
- Onetime Esposito teammate
- Pedestal part
- Word with anchor or dead
- Harvard tradition
- Hightails it
- Bluejacket
- Voice vote
- 1967 Rolling Stones hit
- Here, not in heaven
- Term start?
- Pretense
- California locale



whose name is an anagram of 52-Down
51. Oomph
52. Biblical locale
55. Heard in court
58. Where Myanmar is
59. “Treasure Island” character
60. It’s a sin
62. Main part of a word
65. Hand, slangily

Source: The New York Times

Last week’s solution



Heroman

By Thomas Baumgardner

Congratulations on your A on the midterm. Unfortunately, the princess is in another castle.



Knowing Jack

By Mika G.Shannon

STALKER

FROM PAGE 7

any of these disparate groups. We are a pretty accepting campus — don’t be shy.

Although we may not be cute little freshmen, ready for a mentor, easily molded into a new and improved army of super-students, the College’s

upperclassmen need our president too. We want to feel the warm glow of benevolent leadership upon us. We want to feel like we matter. We want to know that, although we may be older and more jaded than your freshmen, you still care about us, deep down. Gene, let’s be friends.

Lauren Bell is a *Confusion Corner* columnist. If Gene R. Nichol doesn’t listen to her plea, she will have no choice but to facebook stalk him relentlessly.

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That Girl: Kim Walker

By Tegan Neustatter
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Like other students scrambling to get the festivities ready for the weekend, senior Kim Walker, the current vice president of Delta Gamma, is feeling the squeeze. After her short but restful fall break she's back in action working on the float, delivering clues for clue week and of course, dealing with school. Fortunately, her outlook for this weekend is positive, and you can bet she'll be at that football game. Today, Walker gives us her prediction on the game, her adventures in Spain and what's wrong with marketing for the holidays.

So it's clue week for your sorority, Delta Gamma. What would you say are the unique characteristics of a DG girl?

I guess if we had a stereotype, which I'm not really sure we do, it would be the girl-next-door. We're the ones you can depend on, who you can hang out with, who are really cool. And we try to do everything; everyone I know is over-involved.

You've held a lot of positions in Delta Gamma over the years (current vice president, director of new members and philanthropy chair, to name a few). Which was your favorite position?

Probably director of new members. It's where I think I was the most helpful. You're kind of like [the new members'] mom in a way, and it's really cool to get to know people who are younger than you are. They are going through the same things that you went through, and it's nice to be able to know what you are talking about.

What are Delta Gamma's plans for Homecoming? Are you allowed to talk about the float?

The float is very complex and very exciting. It incorporates all of our symbols and all of Beta's symbols. Toward the end of the week it will be the usual: hanging out with them, eating, free food events.

We've recently gotten rid of dear old Ebirt, our beloved mascot. If it were up to you, what would you have our new mascot be?

Hmm. I think I would make it the Awkward Freshman. It captures the eternal spirit of the College.

Working at the ID Office must be an interesting

job. What exactly do you do there?

Usually it's not too complicated. You just make ID's and deposits. Every now and then you'll get a really weird question, something that has nothing to do with IDs, but somehow people come to you for the answer.

I'm sure you see a ton of people who have lost their IDs. There's got to be a funny story behind at least one lost ID.

I remember that after certain big frat parties everyone will come in. They'll say that they must have dropped it somewhere, but you know they were obviously drunk. We've definitely had a lot of professors come in when they were supposed to get their new IDs a year later than they were supposed to.

Outside of school, you work at a new senior citizen center called Chambrel, which just opened up. It must be good for you as a psychology major to be working there.

Yeah. I got involved in it through Delta Gamma. We nationally just picked up the Golden Anchor, a service-related way of reaching out to different parts of the community. I've always worked with kids, so this is different for me.

How do you think student volunteers benefit senior citizens?

I think that it shows them that we're interested in them, that we care about them and that they are a part of the community in general. It's reassuring because a lot of them don't have much family and that's why they're there.

You spent this past summer traipsing around Cadiz, Spain. What did you study over there? What was the best and worst part of this experience?

I'd never been out of the country, so this was my first big adventure. I took two classes, and I did a research project on how space is related to culture. After that I took a train through France, Greece, Italy and Switzerland. The worst part was not being able to reach people. It was my birthday while I was over there, so it was tough. The best part of the trip was being able to do whatever whenever — not even having a cultural schedule of what you normally do during the day. Everything was new to me, and that was amazing.

Exploring sex dos, don'ts

"My boyfriend doesn't satisfy me in bed. What can I do?" Such a little question, such a big problem, one about which I've heard steadily more frequent complaints lately.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



Blake Smith

when it comes to sex. I've since learned that my assumption was not a safe one. It seems this ignorance on which I've railed before pervades even people of our age and education. In the short time since learning that I am the author of this column, a horde of my female friends has begged (and in a few cases demanded) that I try to educate the men (and women) on some of the basics. So we'll forgo the advanced stuff for right now. It seems a lot of people are still playing in the PeeWee leagues (pun viciously intentional). That's fine. We'll get back to the fundamentals.

So while I continue to answer your questions (such as those below), I suppose I'll have to include little technique tips based on some of the inquiries I receive. People are going to have sex regardless; they can at least do it correctly.

Tip #1: Find the clitoris.

Tip #2: Don't bite it.

Now on to more interesting questions.

Q: My friend and I have been discussing the ethics of flirting. Is it wrong to flirt without the intention of hooking up? If you have a girlfriend, is it wrong to flirt with others, or is it only wrong if you intend to act on the flirting?

While I do want to keep this a column oriented toward the sexual aspects of the relationship, this is a topic I just cannot resist.

I'm told some time has been devoted to defining this hooking up of which you speak, but I find still don't know just what it means, and I don't think I like it.

Let's ignore that for now, because I want to stun



you by giving you free rein.

Wait, what? I actually give all of you license, carte blanche, to flirt to your little hearts' content? Well, to those who understand flirting, I do.

Flirting, one of my favorite pastimes at parties, is the province specifically of those people who don't intend to pursue a relationship or "hook up." It is the most exciting form of play that is socially permitted (and even encouraged) between two strangers or near-strangers who otherwise cannot engage in any sort of courtship. Thus, a wife who is, say, awaiting her husband at a restaurant bar may quite properly flirt with the good-looking gentleman beside her, because both understand (as indicated by her wedding ring) that the action can go no further than the coy glances, knowing grins and fatuous chitchat.

One can certainly take those glances and that chitchat in a different direction and use them to start up a meaningful conversation (or use them in conjunction with alcohol to start a one-night stand). In those cases, however, it's not flirting; it's courtship. Genuine and innocent flirting is not at all wrong, even if you're in a relationship. There is no way to act on flirting, either, because flirting is an end in itself. Flirting is not wrong. It is so right.

This rule also applies to engaged couples, and I suppose it can be extended to couples in these pseudo-nuptial relationships so common in high school and college. Please, then, whether you're in a relationship or single, flirt away. I'll be the guy next to you at the bar.

Q: One of my guy friends said that all the guys you talk to are, on some level, trying to get in your pants. How true is this?

Completely and pretty much invariably. That's why I have to keep things anonymous and dispense sex advice in a column rather than at the aforementioned bar.

Blake Smith is a sex columnist for The Flat Hat. Send questions or comments to flvrty@gmail.com

Homecoming

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Alumni Association, the parade will feature floats built by the College's choirs, fraternities and sororities, clubs and hall councils. Floats will

keep with this year's theme, "Proud Past, Bright Future." The parade route starts on Duke of Gloucester Street, continues down Richmond Road and then enters the campus via James Blair Drive. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three floats. You might not have to leave your

door to see the parade, so be sure not to miss it.

If 8 a.m. just isn't early enough for you, registration and check-in for the Annual Homecoming 5K starts tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. The Alumni Association sponsors the race, which begins at WM Hall at 8 a.m.



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Archaeology Month

Have you heard the latest dirt? October is Archaeology Month in Virginia. The Anthropology Graduate Student Collective and the Anthropology Club are hosting a table tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon in Wren Yard to provide you with the information you need about archaeology. Come find out what projects the historical archaeology graduate students have been working on and what opportunities there are for you to become involved in local archaeology. Look for our float in the homecoming parade.

Support group

The Gay Student Support Group is open to all members of the college community, both gay and straight. Discussions range from dating to history to politics to love and family. The group meets from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Catacombs student lounge under Catholic Campus Ministries Chapel on Richmond Road every Monday night that undergraduate classes are in session. There are only two rules: the group respects everyone's right to privacy and promises each other confidentiality about who attends, and no one is ever required to say whether they're gay or straight. For more information, contact the faculty moderator, George Greenia at x3676@gxgree@wm.edu.

Tutors needed

A couple living in Seaford is looking for a tutor for their 11-year-old daughter. Salary and hours are negotiable. Contact Greg at baileyg48@yahoo.com.

Tutors needed for high school Student, primarily study skills. Regular hours, 8 to 10 per week, will discuss hourly rate. Contact Jerry Mellis at (757) 256-1391.

Tutors needed at Matthew Whaley elementary school, which is within walking distance from cam-

pus. Days and times are very flexible. Contact Kathleen Foley, assistant principal, at FoleyK@wjcc.

Sociological study

Sara McDonough, a student at the College is looking for students to participate in a thesis study about multi-racial individuals (people with "mixed" or more than one racial heritage). This sociological study will explore the racial identity development of multi-racial individuals, as well as examine the social factors that may possibly influence identity. She is specifically looking for students who are residents of Virginia and who have one white parent and one either Asian, Hispanic American or black parent. Requirements: fill out a brief questionnaire and then meet me for an interview to discuss your unique multi-racial background. Please contact Sara McDonough at smmcd@wm.edu, (757) 645-4062, or (703) 981-2225 if you are interested or know of people who might be interested. This project has been approved by the College of William and Mary Protection of Human Subjects Committee Sept. 29, 2005 and expires on Jan. 1, 2006.

W&M house

The second annual W&M House is slated to begin this month. Getting involved is easy. Get a group of friends together and contract Abbitt Woodall at (757) 221-0225 at least two weeks in advance of when you want to help.

Fund raising event for Jason

Jason suffers from Duchene Muscular Dystrophy and in the near future will be in need of many things to help him live his life with this disease. Open your hearts and show this young man that there

are good people out there that care Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 7239 Pocahontas Trail at the Penske Truck Leasing. There will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and games. DJ James Asbury "Peanut" will be featured. A \$5 donation is requested at the gate. No alcohol allowed. To donate by mail, make checks or money order payable to: Susan Wolpmann, P.O. Box 6204, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Contact either Jeff or Louis at (757) 724-5199, (757) 565-0162 or (757) 724-5184. Jason would love to hear from you. Take a few minutes and send him an e-mail at Br0ken_inside00@yahoo.com. Please note that his e-mail address contains zeros not Os.

Muscarelle

The Muscarelle Museum recently had a private opening for a newly rediscovered Titian portrait of the great patron Federico II Gonzaga, the Duke of Mantua. A misreading of the date it was created led to its falling out from the art world, and only until Director Aaron De Groft stumbled upon the work and performed extensive testings was the value of the painting realized.

Danceevent

The College's Dance Program presents Danceevent at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. The concert features choreography by various faculty members. The \$5 suggested donation will benefit the Dance Program. The performers include faculty and students from Orchesis Dance Company.

Diverse women

The Diverse Women Group is an organization for women who identify themselves as members of an ethnic minority group on campus. The group is intended to address the ramifications of being

minority women at the College and build a supportive network for group members. The group will help participants explore, in a safe environment, personal, academic, spiritual, family and/or relationship concerns that may be interfering with a sense of balance and well-being. If interested in joining, please contact Dr. Carina Sudarsky-Gleiser or Dr. Felicia Brown-Anderson at x3620@wm.edu and fxbrow@wm.edu.

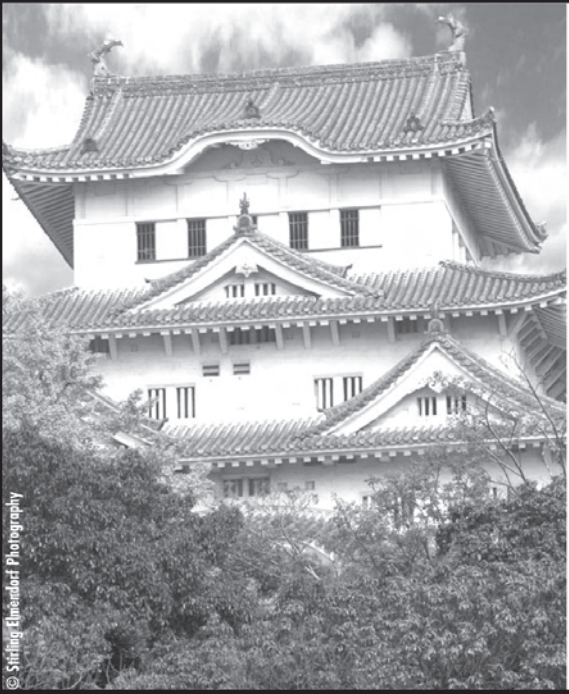
Soccer coaches needed

James City County Parks and Recreation is looking for very positive and enthusiastic volunteers to be coaches for their youth soccer program. Contact Dan Smith, James City County parks and recreation operations coordinator, at (757) 259-5378.

Swem Library's new career collection

Thinking about a career in psychology? Maybe teaching or social work? What about acting? Or a job working for the environment? All of these fields, plus many more, are covered in Swem Library's new Career Collection. Located on Swem's first floor in the east wing, it contains dozens of career books. Swem's Career Collection is a partnership project with the College's Career Center to help students and other library patrons more readily find and use the library's career books. As you use the new collection, if you don't find something to match your interests, please stop at the reference desk and ask. Perhaps we can order a title or borrow something on interlibrary loan. For more information about the Career Collection, please contact Mary Molineux, head of access services, Swem Library, mailto:msmoli@wm.edu or x3076 for more information.

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FOSTER FLIES IN SPITE OF SHAKY ‘FLIGHTPLAN’



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Marketed as a psychological thriller, Kyle (Jodie Foster) tries find her child after she disappears on a transatlantic flight in the new “Flightplan.”

BY BETH SUTHERLAND
THE FLAT HAT

Director Robert Schwentke’s “Flightplan,” starring the amazing Jodie Foster, promised to be the thriller of the year. While it is somewhat tense, the film isn’t nearly as clever as it should be. However, in an age of increasingly sophisticated air travel, the plot’s premise is an intriguing one. Is it possible for a plane to be so intricate an entity that a small child could be lost or abducted on it? Can crimes other than terrorism be cleverly committed upon aircrafts? In the movie, Kyle (Foster) is a mother whose husband has just died from a fall he took off the roof of their house in Europe. She and her daughter Julia (Marlene Lawston) are flying home to bury him. Though Schwentke fails to produce a nail-biting, edge-of-the-seat suspense flick, he does effectively use emotional tension as a means of engaging the audience. The script is clever and reveals just enough at a time to pique the viewer’s interest while still making him or her wonder about the seemingly inexplicable behavior of the characters. Dramatically still, quiet scenes reminiscent of M. Night Shyamalan render the characters’ psyches a more fearful place than the setting of the story itself. Gaunt, haunting figures roam over the screen. Everyone seems to have a secret, and that is the charm of the film.

It is for this reason that the first half of the movie is far more impressive

than the second. During the first half the cards have not yet been revealed, and the focus is on the characters. The second half strips the mystery away with a plot unworthy of the complex characters that have been created. Make no mistake though, it is still an very entertaining movie. Kyle’s grief (and maybe guilt) is compelling, as is her relationship with her daughter. The little girl gives a wonderful performance. Her precarious mistrust of the world as a result of her father’s death is heartbreaking. For example, she refuses to walk to the taxi because she might slip and die; at the airport, she sees some workers up on a crane and innocently worries over the fact that they could fall. Because someone so close to her lost his footing and died, nothing seems certain to her.

The movie, however, would not work without Foster. Widely recognized as a phenomenal actress, she’s especially compelling in the role of mom (see: “Panic Room”). Her tenderness and concern for her daughter move the story and give it breath; without that unstoppable maternal passion, it would be a weak movie indeed. Peter Sarsgaard (“Garden State”) gives a good performance as the crooked air marshal. As far as acting goes, however, the hidden treasure of the flick is Sean Bean (“Lord of the Rings”). As one who’s usually typecast as the sleazy villain, he plays the torn captain of the plane. A noble but confused man burdened with the post-Sept.

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‘Go! Team’ mobilizes

◆ *Lively Brits finally make it across the pond*

BY NATHAN HIPPLE
THE FLAT HAT

It’s a cold, gray Tuesday morning in October. The Go! Team’s debut album — “Thunder, Lightning, Strike” — stumbles off the ship from Britain and searches for a better life in America. It describes itself in three adjectives to U.S. consumers: eclectic, varied and visionary. Unfortunately, that’s not what American mainstream audiences are looking for from their CDs, so instead of getting a front shelf spot, “Thunder, Lightning, Strike” is placed in the back of the store. And that is a crying shame.

The Go! Team, one of the many British bands to flood our shores in the past year, is probably also one of the best. Their U.S. debut, “Thunder, Lightning, Strike,” is an extended version of their British debut of the same title, featuring two extra songs, “We Just Won’t Be Defeated” and “Hold Yr Terror Close.” Delayed for a year due to some sticky sample clearance situations, the album is finally here.

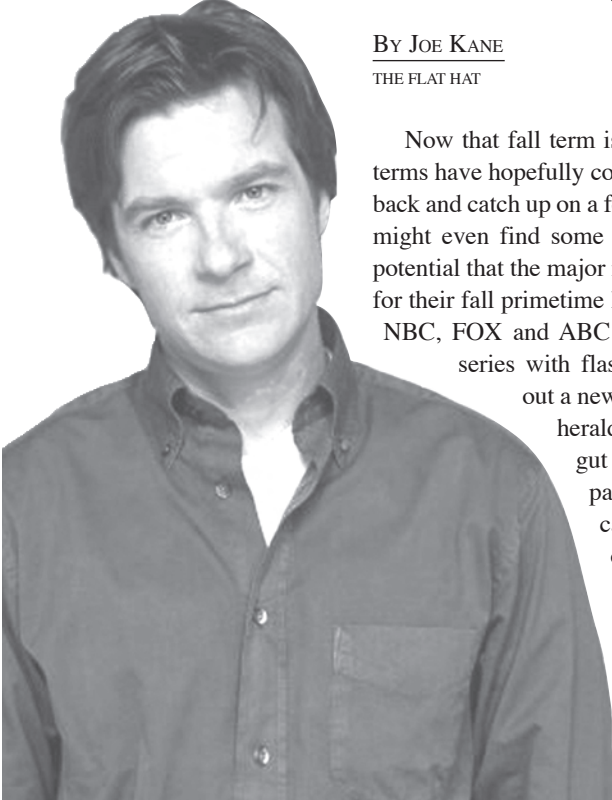
The first time you listen, the most immediate thing to strike you is the sound quality. It sounds like it was recorded in someone’s basement. This, however, isn’t really a problem. Instead of sounding like it was poorly done, it sounds like you’re getting to sit in and watch these six talented bandmates jam. It feels like a live show coming to you from your speakers without any of the obnoxious audience cheers.

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COURTESY PHOTO • SONY RECORDS

Seasoned sitcom, new thriller vie for domination in fall premieres



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BY JOE KANE
THE FLAT HAT

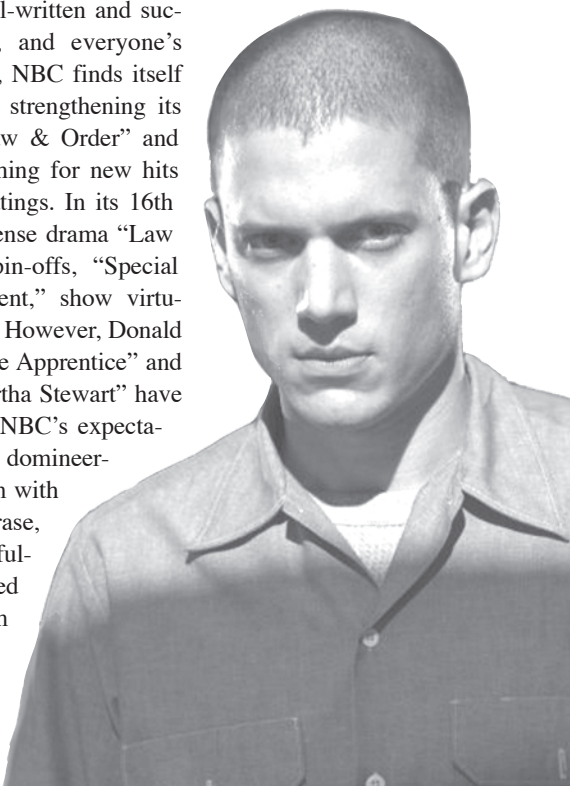
Now that fall term is halfway done and mid-terms have hopefully come and gone, why not sit back and catch up on a few old TV favorites? You might even find some new shows boiling with potential that the major networks have cooked up for their fall primetime lineups. Every year CBS, NBC, FOX and ABC dress up their returning series with flashy premieres and pump out a new batch of shows that they herald as either hyped, riveting, gut wrenching, highly anticipated, hilarious or critically-acclaimed, among other catchy ad slogans. So which new and old shows have lived up to their network’s lofty expectations and which ones have so suddenly flopped?

Since its long-running sitcom,

“Everybody Loves Raymond,” ended last spring after garnering awards and high ratings for years, CBS has continued high hopes for its popular “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation” trio (Miami, New York and the original) in addition to the Emmy Award winning reality series, “The Amazing Race.” Combining a realistic portrayal of how crimes are executed with a multi-faceted character development, “CSI” keeps creating a rich mixture of entertaining, action-filled drama worth watching. Though most reality TV has lost its initial luster and become repetitive, “The Amazing Race” has managed to whip up a new twist in the form of a “Family Edition” this year by having 10 teams of four (rather than the usual 11 or 12 teams of two) bicker with and compete against each other as they travel over 30,000 miles, which provides a little wholesome fun. Beyond these traditional staples, CBS continues to drag out its now tropically trite “Survivor” along with its regal relic, “The King of Queens,” but has also added such surreal dramas as “Ghost Whisperer” and “Threshold,” and the sitcom “How I Met Your Mother,” all of which have shared mediocre to respectable results so far.

With perhaps the most well-written and successful sitcom ever, Frasier, and everyone’s favorite, “Friends,” long-gone, NBC finds itself in the same boat as CBS by strengthening its core of older shows like “Law & Order” and “ER” while desperately searching for new hits and an overall solidarity in ratings. In its 16th season, the influential and intense drama “Law & Order” along with its spin-offs, “Special Victims Unit,” “Criminal Intent,” show virtually no signs of slowing down. However, Donald Trump’s reality sensation, “The Apprentice” and the new “The Apprentice: Martha Stewart” have fared dismally and far below NBC’s expectations. While Trump retains his domineering presence in the board room with his trademark, cut-throat phrase, “You’re Fired,” Stewart gracefully says goodbye to her dismissed contestants and addresses them afterward with a cordial letter, a far cry from what fans probably expected from the

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Stunted emotional growth leads to offensive outfits, juvenile habits

We want to preface this column by assuring you that we love denim. Absolutely and unequivocally. It dresses up, it dresses down, it goes with heels, it goes with flats, it damn near fixes you breakfast in the morning. It’s as all-American as obesity and gratuitous plastic surgery, but far better looking than both. Even the French know that jeans and rock ‘n’ roll were the only things with which we could adequately thank them for their wine, brie and Jean Cocteau.

But in spite of this love affair with jeans, we cringe when we see someone who is apparently unaware that other materials exist and do, in fact, mesh with denim quite beautifully. We’ve been seeing a lot of all-denim outfits, and frankly, they’re disturbing. Denim suits were fine in the ’80s, when all that hair and cocaine was clouding everybody’s judgment anyway, but in the aughts, we’re a little more clear-eyed. All-denim outfits are bad. Know this. Think of denim the way you would your significant other: it looks good, it feels

good on you, it should be low-maintenance, but you don’t want to spend all day and night surrounded by it.

Another ’80s mishap we’re not above begging you to fix: please box up the Bedazzler and stuff it back in the attic. Look, we’re going to tell you a little secret: sometimes we miss the ’80s, too. We watch “The Lost Boys” and dance around the house listening to Duran Duran, and we still own a pair of leg warmers — for nostalgic purposes only, we swear. But that does not give us license to leave the house looking like a madwoman has just attacked us in an alley with a bag full of sequins. We ask that you remember the same.

What this comes down to is that, no matter what anyone tries to argue to the contrary, having basic fashion sense is not innate. It’s something you’re supposed to be taught. We know you were a latchkey kid and that your ’90s working mom may not have made as much time for you as she would have liked. She may have been too busy to help you get

ready for school in the morning and you may have subsisted on halfheartedly microwaved Toaster Strudels. This isn’t your fault, but if mommy couldn’t teach you, you’re going to have to learn elsewhere. Don’t feel bad for missing out on the lesson. You’re just a late bloomer. Now, sit yourself down and have a cookie and a glass of milk. We’re going to let you in on a few things.

Remember watching your little brother play Superman in the backyard wearing his underwear on the outside of his pants? Remember how silly and cute it looked because he was six and thought he could fly? (Actually, one of Lauren’s brothers nearly killed himself during his Superman days, so perhaps “stupid” would be a more appropriate adjective. But we digress.) Now, please don’t get angry at your mom for not mentioning this, but listen: just as your brother’s underwear really should go underneath his pants, so should your big-girl grown-up boots. You just don’t tuck your pants into your boots, honey. You don’t. Jeans,

versatile as they are, just don’t double as tights.

Now, we know it’s complicated. All those Hollywood role models you’ve been listening to and looking at, they’re wearing underwear on the outside and they’re pairing boots with short shorts, and think nothing of wearing T-shirts emblazoned with their own faces, so don’t be embarrassed. But Hollywood lies all the time: the movies you see aren’t real, the stars’ relationships aren’t real and their wardrobes are the same way. Here’s an illustration: Lil’ Kim. You don’t want to look like that. Don’t mimic performers, sweetheart. They’re stupid. They have stylists doing the hard work for them on a daily basis, and they still can’t manage to dress themselves.

In the same vein, you may miss your childhood games of dress-up. We understand the urge. But please do it in the privacy of your home. You weren’t supposed to wear your

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OFF THE RACK



Jess Novak and
Lauren Ogle



SINGLED OUT
The Strokes — “You Only Live Once”
From their *First Impressions of Earth* LP

The new fab five remedy the travesty of “Juicebox” with this laid-back, looser jam, owing far more to the old-school Strokes than the new. “Shut me down/ shut me up,” Julian Casablancas yelps over a riff that’s half “Under Pressure,” half “Under Control.” Luckily, this time you won’t want to.

— *compiled by kyle meikle*

WCWM TOP 10 ALBUMS

1. *The Runners Four* — **Deerhoof**
2. *Tender Buttons* — **Broadcast**
3. *Escape From Dragon House* — **Dengue Fever**
4. *Fall Heads Roll* — **The Fall**
5. *No Direction Home: The Soundtrack* — **Bob Dylan**
6. *Strange Geometry* — **Clientele**
7. *The Mouse And The Mask* — **Danger Doom**
8. *Surgery* — **Warlocks**
9. *Witching Hour* — **Ladytron**
10. *Elephant Eyelash* — **Why?**

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fairly princess dress to school, so when you go out for your friend’s 21st, leave the tiaras, cat ear headbands and, most especially, the big plastic bead necklaces inside your dresser. Just take a few Jäger shots and we’re sure you’ll be well on your way to earning more of those in a few minutes, anyway.

Jess and Lauren are Flat Hat fashion columnists. And pretty, pretty princesses too.

‘Go!’

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Don’t let the liner note, “Recorded in Jan and Ed’s basement ‘04” deter you, the poor sound quality is actually a plus.

Also immediately noticeable is the lack of vocals. There isn’t much in the way of traditional singing. There is, however, a lot in the way of background chants. That’s right, it sounds like there’s a cheerleading squad doing the vocals for some of the songs. And that’s yet another thing that looks terrible on paper but is absolutely delightful in practice. On the songs that actually feature singing, the vocals are extremely well done. On some songs their resident emcee actually does a bit of rapping. While American emcees have nothing to fear,

the rhymes here are pretty decent.

The vocals, however, are not the centerpiece of the album; the instrumentals are. The music in this album sounds alarmingly like the bandmates took every instrument they could find, threw them together and made an album. The sound is eclectic in every sense of the word, featuring theme songs from cop shows to kazoo to four (yes, that’s right, three more than the average band) drummers. Fans of everything from hip-hop to 80s synth-pop will find something to love on this disc.

If fellow British band Blur’s album “Parklife” detailed the history of British music from the past half century over the course of its 16 tracks, then the Go! Team accomplishes the same feat in every single song. The varying sounds and noises, however, are all tied together by killer melodies. Every single song

on the disc has an incredible melody that’s both likeable and memorable. It’s almost guaranteed that you’ll be walking around humming your favorite tracks long after the disc stops spinning.

At a paltry 40 minutes, the disc stops spinning a little sooner than the average listener would like. This isn’t really a detriment to the CD, though. While most albums nowadays fill the disc to the limit, “Thunder, Lightning, Strike” avoids their repetition and filler. The Go! Team presents a sleek package that provides listeners with the goods and then leaves them wanting more. Why waste time with extra sub-par songs when you can press repeat and listen to the same good ones again?

Technical aspects aside, “Thunder, Lightning, Strike” is quite simply a fun, enjoyable album. When that annoying alarm goes

off in the morning, pop in this disc and you’ll be ready for your day. I can’t guarantee it’ll make you ready for class (if anything it’ll make you want to skip to keep listening), but it will get you pumped up enough that sleep seems a thing of the past. On that dark day when you’re feeling down, put on The Go! Team and you’ll feel better almost instantly.

Don’t fall suspect to the same ills as the mainstream and pass this album by. While it may look bad on paper — poor production, lack of vocals, varied collection of sounds — it’s absolutely excellent in execution. This is an album anyone can enjoy. While it may be a little cheerful for some people’s musical palate, those of us who are not busy keeping up a tough front will enjoy blasting this from the stereo. Everyone else will have to settle for headphones.

— *compiled by kyle meikle*

Aniston and Vaughn together?

It seems as though “Wedding Crasher” Vince Vaughn is more interested in divorcees than bride-to-be’s these days: rumor has it he’s currently involved with Jennifer Aniston. Aniston, who stars alongside Vaughn in the upcoming “The Break Up,” has fervently denied having any involvement with the funnyman since she finalized her divorce from Brad Pitt earlier this month, but recent pictures of the pair cuddling on a hotel balcony in Chicago seem to suggest otherwise.



Craig named as new Bond

The search for a new Agent 007 finally ended this week when producers of the franchise named British actor Daniel Craig (“Layer Cake”) as the next Bond, James Bond. Producer Michael G. Wilson cleared up ongoing speculation that the likes of Clive Owen, Hugh Jackman, and Ewan McGregor might replace Pierce Brosnan as the super-spy; Craig was reportedly the first and only actor to be offered the role in the upcoming “Casino Royale.”



Holmes pulls out of ‘Shame’

Fiancee to Tom Cruise and mother-to-be Katie Holmes recently decided to drop out of production on the upcoming Spade Cooley biopic “Shame On You” over concerns that it might pose a danger to her unborn child. Holmes, who would’ve played the swing legend’s wife in the Dennis Quaid-helmed film, pulled out of filming for fear too much stress might effect her pregnancy. Cooley (Quaid in the film) stomped his estranged wife to death in front of their teenage daughter in 1961.



Affleck ditches acting?

Ben Affleck, apparently realizing that he hasn’t starred in a decent film since roughly around the turn of the millennium (“Changing Lanes,” “The Sum of All Fears” or “Dogma” — take your pick), may turn from acting entirely in favor of politics. The actor, who’s currently expecting a child with wife Jennifer Garner, indicated his political leanings when he attended the Democratic National Convention last year.

— *compiled by kyle meikle*

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former prisoner. In addition to NBC’s struggling new drama “E-Ring,” which depicts the Pentagon, and its fledgling comedy “Joey,” the quirky sitcom “My Name Is Earl,” which looks at a selfish man looking to repent for his past mistakes, shows one fresh glimmer of hope for the peacock network.

So far FOX has encountered mixed results with its primetime lineup. Bearing all the trials and tribulations of daily life in Orange County, “The O.C.” returns again, as does the comedy “Arrested Development,” both of which are off to reasonable starts. Likewise,

the suspenseful drama “Prison Break,” focusing on, well, a devilous plot to escape death row, burst onto Monday night with a powerful premiere and is still holding its own against the competition. Looking into the lives of two neurotic lawyers, the drama “Head Cases,” on the other hand, got the axe after just two episodes because of poor ratings, becoming the first show cancelled this season. On a more positive note, FOX still loads up its Sunday nights with the likes of Hank Hill, Homer Simpson and, back from cancellation, Peter Griffin in its traditional block of cartoons always meriting a laugh or two.

Nonetheless, ABC has virtually blown most of the competition out

of the water with a dazzling display of hits, the most notable of which is the action — drama “Lost,” which deservedly dominates its Wednesday slot. At times, ABC has over 20 million viewers tuning in to its vivid portrayal of a group of desperate and stranded survivors from a plane crash who must band together. Speaking of desperate, “Desperate Housewives,” a primetime soap opera revolving around an inner circle of families in a suburban neighborhood has also bolstered ABC’s primetime. Yet another show that has risen to prominence so far this fall at ABC is the action drama “Commander in Chief,” which looks into the mind and job of a woman, Mackenzie Allen (played by Geena Davis), as

the president of the United States.

Although ABC has thus far stood near the top of ratings with CBS due to their potent primetime line-ups, it does not mean that the other networks are spewing out garbage that are not worth watching. All the major networks carry shows, from the ingenious crime scene dramas of CBS to the often obscene and slapstick humor of FOX, that are valuable in their own right. For the most part, the networks are experimenting with different genres of shows, some of which are truly riveting in the case of “Lost” and not so much in the case of Martha Stewart’s “Apprentice.” It is a strategy that will lead to a surefire form of entertainment Wednesdays in Williamsburg, at least.

FOSTER

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11th responsibility of dealing with a mid-air crisis, he performs his tasks with an aloof grace. Even though he doesn’t believe Foster when she says that she ever brought a child onboard, he has the plane searched nonetheless.

In spite of good acting and decent direction, it is the central source of conflict that causes the concept to fall short of Hitchcockian brilliance: Julia’s disappearance. It’s an interesting concept, and the movie is blessed with talented actors, but a lot of corners get cut in an attempt to present the final twists as plausible.



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Oct. 23, 24, 27, 28
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Sun., Oct. 23, 30 at 2 p.m.
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Men’s cross country captures sixth in large field. See MEN’s, page 16.

Football claims double victory

BY JEFF DOOLEY
THE FLAT HAT

Redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Phillips led the Tribe back from 21 points down to win a thrilling, double-overtime game over Northeastern University last week, just one week after the team crushed then-No.1 University of New Hampshire by a score of 42-10.

Look ahead

Who: Towson University
Date: Tomorrow
Where: Zable Stadium
Time: 1 p.m.



With the Tribe in a 31-10 hole with fewer than six minutes to go in the third quarter, Phillips was put into the game and began to work on cutting down Northeastern’s lead. On his second possession, he threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Joe Nicholas on fourth-and-14.

The next offensive possession was another big one for Phillips, as he scrambled for a first down on a key third-and-13 play, then hit red-shirt freshman wide receiver Elliot Mack for a 22-yard touchdown pass, making it a single possession game with the score 31-24.

The defense then recorded their second straight three-and-out, setting up the final scoring drive of regulation. Phillips made quick work of the defense, dissecting them in only four plays and capping the drive with a 27-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Josh Lustig. The point after tied the game at 31, sending it into overtime.

Both teams’ offenses scored touchdowns on their first overtime possessions, with the Tribe’s coming off of Phillips’ fourth touchdown pass of the game, this one 21-yards to Nicholas. Northeastern kicked a field goal on their second possession of OT, but their lead was short-lived as Phillips slammed the door shut with his game-winning 8-yard touchdown run. The final score was 44-41.

Phillips ended the game with 18 completions on 20 throws, 256 yards, four touchdowns and one rushing touchdown, all after coming into the game late in the third quarter. He was recognized for his performance by both the Atlantic 10, which awarded him A-10 Offensive Player of the Week and A-10 Rookie of the Week honors, and the College Sports Report, which named him the I-AA player of the week.

Head Coach Jimmie Laycock has already named Phillips the starter for tomorrow’s game against Towson.

“Jake Phillips had a phenomenal game when he got in. Things started to click, and we got some momentum. We got on a roll, made some plays and somehow came out with a win,” Laycock said of the Northeastern game.

Two weeks ago, the Tribe blew out the No.1 team in all of Division I-AA, New Hampshire, 42-10. Junior running back Elijah Brooks led the offensive attack with 135 rushing yards and four touchdowns, and the defense played



ALLIE VEINOTE • THE FLAT HAT
Senior defensive lineman Adam O’Conner leaps for joy during the Tribe’s crushing 42-10 defeat of No. 1 University of New Hampshire two weeks ago.

solidly in shutting down the potent New Hampshire attack.

The Tribe wasted no time in jumping on top of New Hampshire, as senior defensive back Stephen Cason took back the opening kickoff 92 yards for a score. Brooks added to the lead with a 7-yard touchdown run that gave the Tribe a 14-0 lead. The defense continued their stellar play by forcing and recovering a fumble by New Hampshire running back John McCoy. Potts capitalized on this turnover with a 9-yard touchdown toss to Lustig that gave the Tribe a 21-0 lead.

While New Hampshire tested the defense on their next three possessions, the Tribe held strong, allowing only one touchdown. Brooks then scored his second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run that gave the Tribe a 28-7 advantage.

After New Hampshire drilled a field goal just before halftime to cut the lead to 28-10, the Tribe played a strong second half with emphasis on tough defense and a solid running game. The defense snuffed out through tenacious play, including an interception in the end zone by Cason that

ended New Hampshire’s last real chance of scoring. Brooks continued to rip apart the New Hampshire defense, scoring two more touchdowns in the second half and giving the Tribe their final advantage of 42-10.

Potts played consistently, finishing with 127 yards and a touchdown on 11 of 17 passing in sub-par, rainy conditions. Brooks recorded his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season.

“He’s been a steady back for us from day one,” Laycock said of Brooks. “He adjusted to the conditions on Saturday and did a great job of keeping his balance, breaking tackles and staying on his feet. He had a lot of yardage after initial hits.”

The Tribe will host an on-the-rise Towson University team tomorrow in the Homecoming game. Towson is coming off a 38-17 victory over Liberty. Towson’s offense, behind freshman quarterback Sean Schaefer, is also second in the A-10 in offensive yardage with an average of 454.1 yards per game and is fourth in scoring with 36.7 points per game. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Swimming, diving mauls Towson

BY HEATHER IRELAND
THE FLAT HAT

The swim team started its season strong with a decisive home victory against Towson University over fall break.

“Our meets are pure energy; every member of the team is either giving their everything in the water, or they are screaming as loud as they can for their teammates up and down the poolside,” freshman Jeff Collier said. “The adrenaline is so thick from the cheering that it is impossible not to give 100 percent in every event.”

The support did not only come from the swimmers’ teammates but also from their peers in the stand and from College President Gene Nichol.

“I was thrilled to watch the Tribe swimmers. Both the women and men looked remarkably strong,” Nichol said. “Coach [McGee] Moody does a great job, and it was exciting to see the swimmers open the season so decisively at home. I’m proud of them.”

The women in the competition won eight of the 13 events in which they participated, starting off with an eight-second victory over the closest competition in the 400-meter medley relay, won by two Colonial Athletic Association champions, sophomore Meredith David and junior Kelly Reitz and freshman Whitney Pezza and sophomore Christina Monsees. In that same event another of the Tribe’s teams came in third, behind only their teammates and Towson’s top team. Freshman Marina Falcone started off her collegiate career in historic fashion, finishing the 1,000-m freestyle in 10 minutes, 39.1 seconds, giving her the seventh fastest time in Tribe history and followed up with a win the 500-m freestyle as well.

This was a night for the underclassmen to shine as Pezza also continued her winning streak in the 200-m butterfly with the sixth-fastest all-time finish of 2:08.04. David, who won the 100-m backstroke at the CAA Championship

last year, had a decisive three-second victory in the 200-m race of the same stroke. The top three 200-m individual medley relay spots all went to Tribe swimmers with senior co-captain Erin Clark leading the group.

“Both our men’s and women’s teams stepped up the intensity and enthusiasm, making a perfect atmosphere to swim fast,” Clark said. “Our first meet really got us off on the right foot, and I am confident the momentum we have created will set us up for a great season.”

Although the men’s team did not get off to as impressive a start, sophomore Jesse Moore led the team in bringing the Tribe back in the competition with a 1:47.89 time in the 200-m freestyle for first in a top three spot sweep in the event. Collier rang in his collegiate career with a win in the 200-m IM race, beating his freshman teammate Dan Byler by almost a full second. Collier then turned around and beat out another one of his teammates, freshman David Mangini, for first in the 200-m backstroke.

Freshmen kept the team on its winning streak as Jason Brisson took first in both the 200-m butterfly and the 200-m breaststroke. Bringing in the final winning points of the meet were freshman Shawn Matthews, who won the 500-m freestyle, and fellow freshman Nader Amer, who beat out his competition in the 100-m freestyle.

“The team has bonded really well so far. They are a great group of people and a talented group of swimmers,” Brisson said. “We are all pumped up about this season and we are ready to take the CAA by storm.”

The Tribe swimmers put up a valiant effort against two larger schools this past weekend, Duke University and North Carolina State University, but were unable to beat them on the scoreboard. Despite the loss, there were several Tribe wins for both teams. The victory to note is that of Falcone, who improved her record-setting 1000-m freestyle time against Towson by a full nine seconds, moving her up from seventh all-time at W&M to third.

“This past weekend it was a challenge to swim against two Atlantic Coast Conference teams, but I think that most of our swimmers stepped up to the plate,” Reitz said. “It is very intimidating to mentally prepare for competition that strong, but in the end it makes us better competitors in the CAA.”

The swim team has their next meet Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. against George Mason University and East Carolina University at GMU.



LAUREN BRYANT • THE FLAT HAT
A Tribe swimmer prepares for the backstroke in a meet last year.

USC’s arrogance saves them from ND upset in exciting game

FROM THE SIDELINES



Carl Siegmund

If you missed the University of Southern California vs. University of Notre Dame football game last weekend, then you missed what some sportswriters are calling the game of the century. It was an epic battle between two of the most storied programs in college football. USC is on a mission to win their third straight national championship. They proved last Saturday that they are still the team to beat despite numerous defensive gaffes. On the other hand, after several years of uncharacteristic mediocrity, Notre Dame had a coming out party, proving to the nation that they can fight with the fiercest.

It was not the prettiest game, but in the final seconds USC quarterback Matt Leinart twisted his way into the end zone, and the Trojans pounded out a 34-31 victory. In many ways, this should have been Notre Dame’s game for the taking. They controlled the ball for 39 minutes, compared to USC, who only held the ball for 21 minutes. If the game had gone to overtime, ND would have

won. Quarterback Brady Quinn kept leading the Fighting Irish up and down the field. The USC defense, and especially the secondary, got played like a fiddle.

Additionally, the Notre Dame pass defense, previously ranked 114th in the country, was supposed to crumble but actually held up well instead. USC came in averaging 51 points per game, but the Irish pressured Leinart and twice intercepted his passes, the first time in two years he has thrown two picks in a single game.

The game will be remembered mainly for its thrilling finish. Three touchdowns were scored in the final five minutes. Notre Dame Head Coach Charlie Weis and USC Head Coach Pete Carroll brought out all of their offensive and defensive weapons and employed some of the gutsiest play calling I have ever seen. On USC’s last offensive drive, they faced fourth-and-nine from their own 26-yard line. Leinart managed to thread the needle and complete a pass, which was nearly intercepted,

to one of his receivers for a 61-yard gain.

In the waning moments of the game, and with USC down by three, Carroll decided to go for the touchdown instead of the field goal that would have taken the game to overtime. Carroll pointed to the ground, which made it look like he wanted Leinart to spike the ball and set up the field goal. Instead, he meant for Leinart to run it in. And that’s what Leinart did, with help from a push by running back Reggie Bush.

On second-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Leinart rolled out left, dropping back to the 10. He then made a mad dash for the end zone. When he made a desperate leap toward the end zone, the ball was knocked out of bounds by an Irish player. ND fans rushed the field, and Weis raised his arms in victory, but it was not to be for the Irish, as the fumble set up Leinart’s game-winning heroics. Since he had fumbled it out of bounds, USC still had possession and time was put back on the clock. The timekeeper, failing to notice the

official who called to stop play, had mistakenly let time run out. Leinart then ran the ball in for the winning touchdown.

Notre Dame outplayed the Trojans in every way, shape and form. Every day I hear how Bush is the reincarnation of Marcus Allen and that Leinart is the most clutch quarterback in the nation. But Saturday, the Trojans met their match. This game was one for the ages, and even for the USC players it may be more memorable than their previous two national championship games. Even though they came in as the double-digit favorite, it was as if they left as the triumphant underdog. This was an upset for USC.

It takes arrogance to not consider kicking a field goal in the final moments. It also takes arrogance to go for it on the fourth down on your own half of the field multiple times. Arrogance won this game for USC, not superior talent.

Carl Siegmund is the sports columnist for The Flat Hat.

Powder puff football

Life Sports: Get Involved

— by matthew a. nolan

Freshman Kristin Slawter was ready to hit the gridiron. “The girls get really pumped up,” she said.

Class of 2009 Secretary Slawter not only organized the freshman girls’ team for playing in the homecoming powder puff football game but played in it yesterday as well.

“I’ve received hundreds of e-mails [from interested girls],” Slawter said. “It can be quite intense ... but everybody has a good time.”

Powder puff football is a game of role reversal; the girls play flag football and the guys are the cheerleaders. A long-standing tradition at the College, the powder puff game usually sees strong participation from everyone involved. This year, there are as many as 50 girls representing each class as well as a full staff of coaches and cheerleaders.

Though most homecoming events are organized by the W&M Alumni Association, the powder puff game is run for and by the students in the festive spirit of Homecoming. Junior Bryan McDermott, vice president of the undergraduate council, was responsible for the organization of this year’s game.

Like Slawter, many of the girls played powder puff in high school and now bring the same intensity to the field. Even newcomer Samantha Fien-Helfman, class of 2009 vice president of social affairs, dug into the grass at the Sunken Gardens last night to play.

“People get really serious about it,” she said.

In the end, it was the sophomores who carried the night, with the seniors coming in second.

In addition to the powder puff game, there are several other athletic events occurring in conjunction with homecoming this weekend. The Homecoming golf tournament is today at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club Gold Course. Check-in is 8 a.m., and the shotgun start is 9:30 a.m. An awards ceremony



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ALL: The girls of each class tossed around the pigskin while the guys cheered at the annual powder puff football game last night.

will follow. The Sandy Kelly Alumni tennis tournament is also today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Busch Tennis Courts. This mixed doubles tournament is giving prizes to the winners and runners up.

The W&M Annual Homecoming 5K Run is tomorrow with check-in at 7:30 a.m. The race begins at 8 a.m. in front of W&M Hall and is for runners and walkers of all skill levels.

The Tribe football team faces Towson University tomorrow. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Zable Stadium.



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Box Scores

Women’s Soccer			Men’s Golf		
Georgia State University	W 5-1	Sept. 30	Joe Agee Invitational	6 of 12	Oct. 3-4
UNC, Wilmington	W 1-0	Oct. 2	Big Five Invitational	9 of 14	Oct. 15-16
Drexel University	W 2-0	Oct. 7			
University of Delaware	W 2-1	Oct. 9	Women’s Golf		
Hofstra University	L 3-0	Oct. 15	Tribe Classic	1 of 11	Oct. 9
Northeastern University	L 1-0	Oct. 16	T1. Sayde Murray 71 -1*		
Men’s Soccer			Men’s Tennis		
Georgia State University	L 2-3	Sept. 30	Hampton Roads Collegiate		Oct. 15-16
UNC, Wilmington	T 2-2	Oct. 2	Doubles Flight A Final		
Drexel University	W 2-1	Oct. 7	Pagon/Rubenstein (W&M) d. Snead/Tarr (James Madison); 8-3		
University of Delaware	W 1-0	Oct. 9			
Hofstra University	L 1-2	Oct. 14	Women’s Tennis		
Northeastern University	T 0-0	Oct. 16	Hampton Roads Collegiate		Oct. 15-16
UNC, Chapel Hill	L 2-3	Oct. 18	Singles Flight A Final		
Volleyball			#23 Moulton-Levy (W&M) d. Vaynberg (Syracuse); 6-1, 6-1		
George Mason University	W 3-1	Sept. 30	Singles Flight B-1 Final		
James Madison University	W 3-0	Oct. 1	Cash (W&M) d. de Guzman (W&M); 6-1, 6-1		
Georgia State University	W 3-1	Oct. 9	Singles Flight C-1 Final		
Virginia Commonwealth	W 3-0	Oct. 19	Bramante (Syracuse) d. Kasztelaniec (W&M); 6-1, 6-2		
Field Hockey			Doubles Flight A Final		
Drexel University	W 1-0	Sept. 30	Campbell/Pollack (Delaware) d. Cash/Zidek (W&M); 8-2		
American University	L 1-6	Oct. 2	Doubles Flight C-2 Final		
University of Delaware	W 2-1	Oct. 7	Kretzer/Walker (Virginia Tech) d. Kasztelaniec/de Guzman (W&M); 9-8 (5)		
James Madison University	L 0-1	Oct. 9			
University of the Pacific	W 4-0	Oct. 13			
Duke University	L 0-4	Oct. 15			



Sports Calendar

Oct. 22 to Oct. 28

— compiled by louis malick

Saturday

♦ Tribe football takes on Towson University in the Homecoming game at Zable Stadium at 1 p.m.

Sunday

♦ Men’s soccer plays Virginia Commonwealth University on Albert-Daly Field at 2 p.m.

Monday

♦ Join the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu club for practice at 8 p.m. in the fencing room in W&M Hall.

Tuesday

♦ The men’s club rugby team will be practicing on the intramural fields from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday

♦ Gymnasts of all levels are welcome to join the gymnastics club for practice from 9 to 10:30 p.m. in the basement of W&M Hall.

Thursday

♦ Women’s soccer challenges Towson University at 7 p.m. on Albert-Daly Field.

Friday

♦ Volleyball plays Hofstra University in W&M Hall at 7 p.m.



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Men's cross country competes despite injuries

By ANDREW PIKE
THE FLAT HAT

Knocking off No. 8 Iona College and competing against 12 of the nation's top 30 teams, the No. 15 W&M men's cross country team ran to sixth place in the White Race of the Pre-National Invitational in Terra Haute, Ind. last Saturday.

Look ahead

Who: CAA
Champion-ships
Date: Oct. 29
Where: Wilmington, N.C.

Sophomore All-American Christo Landry led the Tribe with an eighth place finish as he covered the eight-kilometer course in 23 minutes, 54.7 seconds. Fellow sophomore Ian Fitzgerald followed and finished strongly, capturing 23rd place with a time of 24:18.4. Rounding out the top five Tribe finishers were junior Adam Tenerowicz at 59th in 24:45.8, senior Jeff Hedley in 61st at 24:47.4 and junior Steve Hoogland in 68th at 24:51.3.

"We did not have all of our guys racing or racing at their best, yet we still placed higher than we usually do," Hedley said.

Several problems afflicted the Tribe. Junior Keith Becthol suffered an asthma attack during the race, Hedley slowed over the last mile and a half because of a cramp and 2004 Colonial Athletic Association champion Matt Keally did not race in order to recover from a problem with his sartorius, a muscle in the inner thigh.

"We could have potentially been much better," men's cross country Head Coach Alex Gibby said.

W&M also had runners competing on their home course at the Tribe Open. Senior James Schoener, racing unattached, claimed the victory in a time of 25:14.21 over eight kilometers. Junior David Murphy finished second in 25:33.17, leading the Tribe to a dominant performance as they handily beat CAA foes Virginia Commonwealth University and George Mason University.

The Tribe has raced well so far this season. At the Great American Cross Country Festival, W&M won the Race of Champions, defeating in-state rival University of Virginia and a host of other southeast region teams. Completing the eight-kilometer layout in 24:12 and 24:16.2, Landry and Hedley captured third and fourth place respectively to spearhead the Tribe's effort.

"The early portion of our season has gone well. The quality of our work has been higher and more consistent than in past cycles, and the racing has been about as we had expected," Gibby said.

Now W&M has entered the last month of its season — championship season. It begins Oct. 29 when they

travel to Wilmington, N.C. to compete for the CAA Championship. The Tribe has won the past five CAA titles by an average of 33 points and looks poised to claim a sixth.

"This year we've vowed to take that tradition to the next level. And that is to qualify [for nationals] every year and to become perennial national contenders," Hedley said.

W&M will have chances to extend its dominance beyond the CAA Nov. 12 at the NCAA Southeast Regional and Nov. 21 at the NCAA Championship.

"We have a great chance of taking the regional title and automatically advancing to the NAAs. I believe this will be our best performance at the NAAs in a very long time," Hedley said.



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Junior David Hryynaik runs in last year's Tribe Open.

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